

Selling the Recovery



President Barack Obama arrives to speak in the South Court Auditorium on the White House complex, Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in Washington. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama on Monday seized on the fifth anniversary of the 2008 financial collapse to warn that House Republicans would reverse the gains made and willfully cause "economic chaos" by the uncompromising stands they have staked out on looming budget deadlines.

"Budget battles and debates, those are as old as the Republic," Obama said before a friendly audience assembled in a White House annex. But, he added, "I cannot remember a time when one faction of one party promises economic chaos if it can't get 100 percent of what it wants."

A bloc of conservative House Republicans have said that unless Obama's signature health-insurance law is delayed or repealed, they will not support financing for government operations in the new fiscal year starting Oct. 1 or an essential increase in the nation's borrowing limit in mid-October.

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CAPITOL HILL GUNMAN A LONE WOLF

A Metropolitan Police Department officer walks near the Washington Navy Yard after at least one gunman launched an attack inside the Washington Navy Yard, spraying gunfire on office workers in the cafeteria and in the hallways at the heavily secured military installation in the heart of the nation's capital, in Washington, on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.

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Gunman, 12 Victims Killed In D.C. Navy Yard Attack

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WASHINGTON - At least 13 people, including one gunman, were killed, and the police were looking for other potential suspects, in a shooting Monday morning at a naval office building not far from Capitol Hill and the White House, police officials said.

One police officer was in surgery after being shot in an exchange of fire with a gunman, said Chief Cathy L. Lanier of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department.

The shootings took place at the Washington Navy Yard, in the southeast part of the city.

Senior law enforcement officials identified the gunman as Aaron Alexis, 34. He was identified through his fingerprints.

According to the Navy, Alexis enlisted as a full-time reservist in May 2007 and left the service in January 2011. He served as an aviation electrician, and the highest rank he achieved was mate third class. From

February 2008 to January 2011, he was assigned to Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 46, in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Navy said Alexis had been awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Shortly before 4 p.m., the FBI released a "Seeking Information" bulletin asking for the public's help in learning more about Alexis. The bulletin, which had two photographs of Alexis, said

he was 6 feet 1 inch tall and weighed 190 pounds and was born in New York. Valerie Parlave, the assistant director of the Washington field office of the FBI, urged members of the public to look at pictures of Alexis on the FBI website and to call with any information they may have about him.

"No piece of information is too small," she said.

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Italy: Shipwrecked Concordia wrested off reef

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Associated Press

GIGLIO ISLAND, Italy (AP)

— Using a vast system of steel cables and pulleys, maritime engineers on Monday gingerly winched the massive hull of the Costa Concordia off the reef where the cruise ship capsized near an Italian island in January 2012 and were poised to set it upright in the middle of the night.

After 15 hours of slower-than-expected progress in pulling the heavily listing luxury liner to an upright position, engineers said they finally hit the tipping point they eagerly were awaiting.

Shortly before midnight, the Concordia was raised by 25 degrees — after that, engineers said, the effect of gravity started giving the rotation a boost.

Then engineers quit operating the pulleys, and by using remote controls, carefully began opening valves

to let seawater start filling huge ballast tanks that had been welded onto the already exposed side. The weight of the water in the tanks helped pull the cruise liner up much faster.

"We're in the final phase of rotation," said Franco Gabrielli, the Italian government official who is overseeing the operation. "We have passed the 24 degree mark and now are filling the tanks with water," he told journalists early Tuesday.

Originally, engineers had been confident complete rotation might take as little as 10 hours, and be reached by early evening Monday.

But the timetable quickly went off plan.

First, an unpredicted early morning thunderstorm pushed back the start time. Then the wreck resisted for three hours before it allowed itself to be wrested off the jagged rocks that were embedded into one

side of the hull after the Concordia had hit another reef close to Giglio Island's coastline, took on water through a 70-meter-long (76-yard-long) gash, and eventually capsized a few hundred meters (yards) away onto another reef.

There it lay on its side until Monday's daring engineering operation pulled it free.

"Things are going like they should, but on a timetable that is dragging out," Gabrielli chief of Italy's Civil Protection Agency, said earlier on Monday.

Never before has such an enormous cruise ship been righted. Salvage workers struggled to overcome obstacle after obstacle as they slowly inched toward their goal of raising the crippled ship 65 degrees to the upright position.

At one point, some of the cables dragging the ship's hull upright went slack, forcing engineers to climb the hull to fix them. □



The Costa Concordia ship lies on its side on the Tuscan Island of Giglio, Italy, Monday, Sept. 16, 2013. Using a vast system of steel cables and pulleys, maritime engineers on Monday gingerly winched the massive hull of the Costa Concordia off the reef where the cruise ship capsized near an Italian island in January 2012.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

Russian ridicules US over Navy shooting

MOSCOW (AP) — A prominent member of Russia's parliament has exploited the deadly shooting at the Navy Yard in Washington to ridicule the United States. Alexei Pushkov, who heads the international affairs committee, tweeted Monday that "nobody's even surprised anymore" by such

an attack, which he called "a clear confirmation of American exceptionalism." Pushkov, who also hosts a political talk show, serves as a mouthpiece for the Kremlin's most anti-American faction. In an opinion piece published last week in The New York Times, Russian President Vladimir Putin crit-

icized America for seeing itself as exceptional. He was referring to a speech by President Barack Obama in which he said America's ideals and principles made it want to hold the Syrian government accountable for a chemical weapons attack and, "That's what makes us exceptional." □

UN confirms deadly chemical weapons used in Syria attack

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Careful not to blame either side for a deadly chemical weapon attack, U.N. inspectors reported Monday that rockets loaded with the deadly nerve agent sarin had been fired from an area where Syria's military has bases, but said the evidence could have been manipulated in the rebel-controlled stricken neighborhoods.

The U.S., Britain and France jumped on evidence in the report — especially the type of rockets, the composition of the sarin agent, and trajectory of the missiles — to declare that President Bashar Assad's government was responsible.

Russia, Syria's closest ally, called the investigators' findings "deeply disturbing," but said it was too early to draw conclusions. The Syrian government's claims that opposition forces were responsible for the attack "cannot be simply shrugged off," Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin insisted.

The conclusions represented the first official confirmation by impartial scientific experts that chemical weapons were used in Syria's civil war, but the inspectors' limited mandate barred them from identifying who was responsible for the Aug. 21 attack.

"This is a war crime," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told the Security Council when he presented the report. "The results are overwhelming and indisputable. The facts speak for themselves."

Ban called it "the most significant confirmed use of chemical weapons against civilians since Saddam Hussein used them" in Halabja, Iran, in 1988, and "the worst use of weapons of mass destruction in the 21st century."

The deep division between Western backers of rebels seeking to overthrow Assad and Russian and Chinese supporters of the regime has paralyzed the U.N. Security Council since the Syrian conflict began 2 1/2 years ago. Even though the United States and Russia agreed Saturday on the framework to put Syria's chemical weapons stockpile and precursors under international control for future destruction, their top diplomats were at odds Monday over a new Security Council resolution that would make the deal legally binding — and whether there should be a reference to possible military enforcement if Syria doesn't comply.

After months of negotiations, the U.N. inspectors went to Syria to visit the sites of three alleged chemical attacks earlier this year and were in the capital of Damascus on Aug. 21 when reports and videos began surfacing of a shelling attack in which victims experienced shortness of breath, disorientation, blurred vision, nausea, vomiting, weakness and a loss of consciousness.

They finally gained access to three towns where the Aug. 21 attack occurred, and on one occasion their convoy was hit by sniper fire, but the inspectors were nonetheless able to collect a large amount of material and talk to survivors and witnesses.

"The environmental, chemical and medical samples we have collected provide clear and convincing evidence that surface-to-surface rockets containing the nerve agent sarin were used ... in the Ghouta area of Damascus," their report said.

"The conclusion is that chemical weapons have been used in the ongoing conflict between the parties in the Syrian Arab Republic, also against civilians, including children, on a relatively large scale," they said. "This result leaves us with the deepest concern."

The rebels and their Western and Arab supporters have blamed Assad's regime for the attack in the rebel-controlled area of Ghouta. The Syrian government insists the attack was carried out by rebels. □

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"We are looking to learn everything we can about his recent movements, his contacts and his associates. We ask the public to look at the photos of the deceased shooter."

Three weapons were found on the gunman: an AR-15 assault rifle, a shotgun and a semi-automatic pistol, an official said.

As the day wore on, officials released conflicting information about the search for two possible gunmen.

black man, about 50 years old, who was believed to be carrying a "long gun," police officials said.

But officials in Washington did not move to lock down the city in light of that threat. The Metro, the city's subway system, continued to operate normally. Out of an "abundance of caution," Terrance W. Gainer, the Senate sergeant-at-arms, put the Senate complex into lockdown just after 3 p.m. The Senate had recessed in the early afternoon. Meanwhile, the city's deputy mayor for public safety wrote on

the #NavyYardShooting has been identified and is NOT a suspect," said the post from the account of Paul A. Quander Jr., the deputy mayor.

One law enforcement official involved in the investigation said that the authorities had received few reports from witnesses of seeing gunmen who fit the descriptions that the city officials had provided. "There would have been a whole lot more damage if there had been three gunmen," the official said.

President Barack Obama said that "whoever car-

facts, but we do know that several people have been shot and some have been killed," Obama said before beginning an event marking the fifth year since the 2008 economic collapse. "So we are confronting another mass shooting, and today it happened on a military installation in our nation's capital."

Obama said that he had told officials to make sure the investigation was "seamless," and that there would be time to honor the victims as more became known about who they were. "They are patriots," Obama said. "They know the dangers of serving abroad. But today they faced the unimaginable violence that they wouldn't expect here at home."

Patricia Ward, a logistics management specialist from Woodbridge, Va., was in the cafeteria on the first floor when the shooting started. "I heard three gunshots, pow, pow, pow, straight in a row," she said. "About three seconds later, there were four more gunshots, and all of the people in the cafeteria were panicking, trying to figure out which way we were going to run out."

"The workers in the cafeteria wanted us to stay there," she added, "but I just ran, I ran out the side doors."

She added that someone had pulled a fire alarm, and that many people started to run away.

Employees who had been evacuated from the building described a chaotic



This image released by the FBI shows a photo of Aaron Alexis. (AP Photo/FBI)

situation as an individual armed with a rifle roamed the hallways shooting at people.

Cmdr. Tim Jirus said he was on the fourth floor of the building when he heard gunshots and saw people start running through the office.

"I heard a number of what I thought were like cap-gun shots, based on distance, inside the building," he said. Jirus said he was at the back of the building working to get people out when a man came out of a maintenance building and approached him, asking about the shooting. Moments later, the man, a civilian, was shot in the head, Jirus said.

"We had a conversation for about a minute," he said. "I heard two gunshots, and he went down, and then I ran back here." Holding a radio as he waited outside the Navy Yard Metro station, Jirus said he had heard that another man in his office, also a civilian, had been shot and evacuated to a hospital.

Asked how he escaped when the man next to him was shot, he said: "Luck. Grace of God. Whatever you want to call it." □



The American flag flies at half-staff over the U.S. Capitol at sunset following the shooting at the Washington Navy Yard, Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in Washington.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

Officials said one of the two gunmen they were looking for was a white man wearing a khaki Navy uniform and carrying a handgun. The other was a

Twitter just moments after Lanier's afternoon briefing that one of the men being sought had been cleared. "The white male being sought in connection to

ried out this cowardly act" would be held responsible, and he praised as "patriots" the victims of the shooting.

"We still don't know all the

Obama warns congress not to imperil recovery

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Failure to act on federal funding would provoke a government shutdown; even worse, failing to increase the debt limit would leave the government unable to pay bills and creditors and ultimately threaten the nation's default.

"The last time the same crew threatened this course of action back in 2011, even the mere sug-

gestion of default slowed our economic growth," Obama said, recalling that summer's market-rattling showdown.

Obama's remarks followed his administration's release of a report chronicling the actions taken since 2008 to encourage job creation, save the auto industry, revive and regulate banking, and expand education opportunities.

But he spoke at a time when the economy, as he

acknowledged, is still struggling to create enough jobs and his agenda faces opposition mostly from Republicans but also from some Democrats increasingly emboldened against a second-term lame-duck president.

Still, on the budget fight, most Democrats in Congress support the president, and with his comments he sought to rally them and to set up Republicans for blame should the fis-

cal fights end badly. He noted that in the past Republicans fought for more spending cuts to reduce deficits but that now, with annual deficits declining, they are making their fight over the health care law.

"The Affordable Care Act has been the law for 3 1/2 years now," Obama said. "It passed both houses of Congress. The Supreme Court ruled it constitutional. It was an issue in last year's election, and the candi-

date who called for repeal lost. The Republicans in the House have tried to repeal or sabotage it about 40 times. They failed every time. Meanwhile the law has already helped millions of Americans."

The president repeated his warning against "self-inflicted wounds" at Monday's event, which was moved from the Rose Garden to the Eisenhower Executive Office Building because of rain. □



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Thompson concedes in New York City mayoral primary

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NEW YORK - William C. Thompson Jr. withdrew from the race for mayor of New York on Monday, ending his second bid to run the city and making Bill de Blasio the undisputed Dem-

ocratic nominee.

Thompson endorsed de Blasio at an 11 a.m. news conference at City Hall. De Blasio joined Thompson at the news conference, along with Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo, in an effort to demonstrate Democratic Party unity.

"I am proud to stand here today and support Bill de Blasio to be the next mayor of the City of New York," Thompson said.

Thompson's decision clears the way for a general election contest in which de Blasio, currently the city's elected public advocate,

will face Joseph J. Lhota, a Republican who previously served as chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Thompson won just 26 percent of the vote in last week's nine-way Democratic primary, leaving him in second place behind de Blasio, who had 40 percent, in unofficial results released after the election. But the city requires a runoff primary election if no candidate wins at least 40 percent of the vote, and Thompson had professed some hope that as the lever voting machine results are double-checked, and tens of thousands of uncounted paper ballots are tallied, de Blasio's total might dip below that threshold.

The Board of Elections worked through the week-end reviewing the results from the more than 5,000 lever voting machines that were used in the primary. A spokeswoman for the elections board said Sunday

night that adjusted results were expected to be released sometime Monday. The board Monday was also scheduled to begin reviewing the paper ballots. Thompson called the vote-counting process "a disgrace." But he had concluded, those close to him said, that even if he were to qualify for a runoff against de Blasio, his chances of victory in the runoff were slim.

For Thompson, a 60-year-old former city comptroller who improbably came within 5 percentage points of beating Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg four years ago, this year's race was a humbling experience. With his sober style and centrist positions, he never seemed to ignite the passions of the Democratic electorate. And in a development that frustrated his campaign, he failed to win a majority of black voters, even though he was the sole black candidate in the race. □



Bill de Blasio, left, the Democratic nominee for New York mayor, and Bill Thompson Jr., who withdrew Monday, embrace at a news conference outside City Hall in New York, Sept. 16, 2013. Thompson, who ended his second bid to run the city, endorsed de Blasio at the news conference. (Ruth Fremson/The New York Times)

Flooded Colorado towns clean up; rescues continue



Evacuees carry their dogs towards an airplane hanger at the Boulder Municipal Airport after being rescued by helicopter from Pinewood Springs, Colo., on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 in Boulder, Colo. (AP Photo/Jeremy Papasso)

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Associated Press

ESTES PARK, Colorado (AP)
— Colorado mountain

towns cut off for days by massive flooding slowly re-opened Monday to reveal cabins toppled, homes ripped from their founda-

tions and everything covered in a thick layer of muck.

Anxious home and business owners cleaned and

cleared out what they could salvage as the weather cleared to resume airlifting those still stranded. The confirmed death toll stood at four, with two missing women presumed dead.

The number of missing people was difficult to pinpoint, but it has been decreasing. The state's count fell Monday from just over 1,200 to about half that. State officials hoped the overall number would continue to drop with rescuers reaching more people and phone service being restored.

"You're got to remember, a lot of these folks lost cell-phones, landlines, the Internet four to five days ago," Gov. John Hickenlooper said on NBC's "Today" show. "I am very hopeful that the vast majority of

these people are safe and sound."

Emergency officials offered a first glimpse at the scope of the damage. Counties reported some 1,500 homes have been destroyed and about 17,500 damaged, according to an initial estimate released Sunday by the Colorado Office of Emergency Management.

Helicopter searches and airlifts resumed Monday as the sun broke through the clouds over the mountains. Rainy weather had kept the helicopters grounded most of the day Sunday and early Monday.

On Sunday, military helicopters rescued 12 people before the rain, and 80 more people were evacuated by ground, Colorado National Guard Lt. James Goff said. □

Obama laments shooting as gun debate has gone cold

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Monday wearily lamented "yet another mass shooting," this time in the U.S. capital where the debate that raged earlier this year over tightening firearms laws has stalled amid opposition from gun-rights advocates.

Obama has been powerless to get legislation passed despite a string of mass shootings during his presidency.

In the wake of Monday's shooting at the Washington Navy Yard, which left people 13 dead, Obama spokesman Jay Carney said the president is implementing executive actions and reiterated his commitment to strengthening gun laws, including expanding background checks to sales online and at gun shows.

"The president supports,

as do an overwhelming majority of Americans, common-sense measures to reduce gun violence," Carney said.

Even as it was unfolding, the Washington shooting was reigniting talk about guns.

But it was far from certain whether the shooting would actually influence the larger debate over gun control vs. gun rights, given that the already difficult politics of the issue have gotten only tougher since December's shooting at Connecticut's Sandy Hook Elementary School. That shooting, which killed 20 first-graders and six staffers, spurred Obama to propose stricter firearms laws to prevent future deaths.

Gun owners, aided by their advocates at the National Rifle Association, have successfully fought Obama's legislation, even though polls show broad support for tougher gun laws.



President Barack Obama speaks in the South Court Auditorium on the White House complex, Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in Washington. Before speaking about the economy Obama commented on the Washington Navy Yard shooting.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Obama and gun control advocates have vowed to continue fighting since the Senate rejected expanded background checks in

April, but they can't point to a single new Senate supporter. Their case wasn't helped by last week's NRA-backed recall of two Colo-

rado Democratic senators who supported expanded background checks and limits on ammunition magazines.



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Police: Officer shot unarmed man 10 times

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Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina (AP) —

An unarmed man seeking help after a car crash over the weekend was shot 10 times by a police officer who is now charged in his death, in-

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People leaders gathered Monday to both praise police for quickly filing charges and to complain about how the shooting didn't surprise them considering portrayals of black men in

Ferrell had moved to North Carolina to be with his fiancée about a year ago and was working two jobs. They said he was likely unfamiliar with the area where he was driving when he crashed early Saturday. Ferrell's mother said she

Saturday. A police statement Saturday said the investigation showed "Kerrick did not have a lawful right to discharge his weapon during this encounter." The deadly encounter unfolded after police said the car Ferrell was driving crashed into trees off a northeast Charlotte road early Saturday. Police Chief Rodney Monroe has said the wreck was so severe that Ferrell would have had to climb out of the back window to escape.

Ferrell apparently walked about a half-mile to the nearest house and was "banging on the door viciously" to attract attention, Monroe said. Thinking it was her husband coming home late from work, the woman who lives there opened the door. When she saw Ferrell, she shut it and called police about 2:30 a.m., Monroe said.

Monroe said he didn't think the unarmed Ferrell made threats or tried to rob the woman.

Officers responding to the breaking and entering call found Ferrell nearby. Ferrell ran toward the officers, who tried to stop him with a Taser. Police said he continued to run toward them when officer Randall Kerrick fired his gun, hitting Ferrell 10 times. Ferrell died at the scene.

Jonathan Ferrell played for FAMU's football team during the 2009 and 2010 seasons, the school said. □

Report: log of US inmate suicide falsified

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

A U.S. prison report released Monday says that one and possibly two prison guards apparently falsified an electronic log documenting checks on a death row inmate who committed suicide just days before his execution was to go forward despite a rare plea for mercy from a prosecutor. Video evidence shows rounds at the Ohio prison started later than indicated by the log and came in one-hour increments instead of every half hour as ordered for that unit, the report says.

The report also says all six officers on death row units that night were relief officers without training specific to death row, and one of the two officers was still on probationary status.

The nine-page review does not say whether the guards, if they had followed the rules, could have prevented the Aug. 4 death row suicide of condemned killer Billy Slagle. Slagle was just minutes away from being placed on close observation that is mandatory in the 72 hours before an execution.

His Aug. 7 execution appeared on track despite the plea for mercy from the prosecutor, who argued that Slagle should never have received a death sentence.

Prosecutor Tim McGinty cited Slagle's age — he was just 18 when he fatally stabbed his neighbor Mari Anne Pope — and a long history of drug and alcohol addiction. McGinty said under his office's current policy he would not have pursued a death penalty charge. □



Willie Ferrell, left, talks about his relationship with his older brother, Jonathan Ferrell, at a media conference, as attorney Christopher Chestnut, center, his mother, Georgia Ferrell, right, listen on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in Charlotte, N.C.

(AP Photo/Bob Leverone)

vestigators said Monday. A police news release said Officer Randall Kerrick fired 12 times at 24-year-old Jonathan A. Ferrell early Saturday while responding to a breaking and entering call. Ten of the bullets hit the former Florida A&M University football player. Kerrick was charged with voluntary manslaughter and is scheduled for a first court appearance on Tuesday.

popular culture and previous instances of racially inflicted violence.

Ferrell family attorney Chris Chestnut wondered Monday what role race may have played in Saturday's shooting.

"The officer is white, Mr. Ferrell is black. This might be more of a reflection of where we are as a country," he said.

At a news conference, family members said that

was praying for Kerrick.

"I truly forgive him. I pray for him. And I pray that he gets off the police force," Georgia Ferrell said. "You took a piece of my heart that I can never get back." Georgia Ferrell and her son Willie traveled to Charlotte from Florida along with their attorney to meet with police officials.

Police determined the shooting was excessive and charged Kerrick on

US homeless man turns in money-filled backpack

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A homeless Boston man who turned in a backpack containing tens of thousands of dollars in cash and traveler's checks says even if he were des-

perate he wouldn't have kept "even a penny."

Glen James was honored Monday at police headquarters, where Commissioner Edward Davis thanked him for his honesty and gave him a special

citation. James found the backpack at a shopping mall Saturday. He flagged down patrolling officers and handed it over.

The backpack contained \$2,400 in U.S. currency, almost \$40,000 in traveler's

checks, Chinese passports and other personal papers. The man who lost it told workers at a store at the mall. He went to the police station, where he was confirmed as the rightful owner. □

US Financial Front:

Employment gap between rich, poor widest on record

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gap in employment rates between America's highest- and lowest-income families has stretched to its widest levels since officials began tracking the data a decade ago, according to an analysis of government data conducted for The Associated Press.

Rates of unemployment for the lowest-income families — those earning less than \$20,000 — have topped 21 percent, nearly matching the rate for all workers during the 1930s' Great Depression.

U.S. households with income of more than \$150,000 a year have an unemployment rate of 3.2 percent, a level traditionally defined as full employment. At the same time, middle-income workers are increasingly pushed into lower-wage jobs. Many of them in turn are displacing lower-skilled, low-income workers, who become unemployed or are forced to work fewer hours, the analysis shows.

"This was no 'equal opportunity' recession or an 'equal opportunity' recovery," said Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University. "One part of America is in depression, while another part is in full employment." The findings follow the government's tepid jobs report this month that showed a steep decline in the share of Americans working or looking for work. On Monday, President Barack Obama stressed the need to address widening inequality after decades of a "winner-take-all economy,

where a few do better and better and better, while everybody else just treads water or loses ground."

"We have to make the investments necessary to attract good jobs that pay good wages and offer high standards of living," he said.

While the link between income and joblessness may seem apparent, the data are the first to establish how this factor has contributed to the erosion of the middle class, a traditional strength of the U.S. economy.

Based on employment-to-population ratios, which are seen as a reliable gauge of the labor market, the employment disparity between rich and poor households remains at the highest levels in more than a decade, the period for which comparable data are available.

Last year the average length of unemployment for U.S. workers reached 39.5 weeks, the highest level since World War II. The duration of unemployment has since edged lower to 36.5 weeks based on data from January to July, still relatively high historically.

Economists call this a "bumping down" or "crowding out" in the labor market, a domino effect that pushes out lower-income workers, pushes median income downward and contributes to income inequality. Because many mid-skill jobs are being lost to globalization and automation, recent U.S. growth in low-wage jobs has not come fast enough to absorb displaced workers at the bottom.

Low-wage workers are now older and better educated than ever, with especially



AmeriCorps volunteer John Harris III, who is helping to coordinate a jobs fair program, talks job seekers in Washington. The gap in employment rates between America's highest- and lowest-income families has stretched to its widest levels since officials began tracking the data a decade ago.

(AP Photo/Manuel Ceneta)

large jumps in those with at least some college-level training.

"The people at the bottom are going to be continu-

ally squeezed, and I don't see this ending anytime soon," said Harvard economist Richard Freeman. "If the economy were grow-

ing enough or unions were stronger, it would be possible for the less educated to do better and for the lower income to improve. □



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Egypt:**New petition pushing General el-Sissi for president****SARAH EL DEEB**
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CAIRO (AP) — A group of professionals and former army officers launched Monday a petition urging Egypt's military chief, who ousted the country's first freely elected leader, to run for president, highlighting the yearning for a strongman to take charge after nearly three years of turmoil.

The campaign for Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi is propped up by a pervasive

personality cult, based on his success in uprooting an Islamist ruling elite. Still, there has been a faint pushback from new political groups calling for a civilian leader for the nascent democracy — despite little public tolerance for criticism of the military and a deepening sense of nationalism.

In his one major political speech after removing Islamist President Mohammed Morsi on July 3, el-Sissi said he had no political aspirations. Soon after, a mili-

tary spokesman denied reports the general would run for office. But the spokesman added that nothing would stop el-Sissi from doing so if he retired.

The clamor for him to run in presidential elections expected in early 2014 has only grown, demonstrating the dramatic seesawing Egypt has undergone since the 2011 revolution toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak, a former military man. In part the calls are fueled by a powerful anti-Islamist fer-

vor after Morsi's one year in office, when bitterness grew over what many saw as attempts by his Muslim Brotherhood to monopolize power and take the country in a more extremist direction.

State media and sympathetic television stations have helped fan the el-Sissi sentiment. Pop songs praising him and the military flood the airwaves. Posters of el-Sissi in his dark glasses and military cap are plastered around the streets.

Videos of him addressing troops or training with them have become a staple on TV.

In the upscale Cairo district of Garden City, sweets shop owner Bahira Galal says she has been doing a brisk business with her new chocolates bearing el-Sissi's picture.

"I support el-Sissi in my own way, especially after millions went out in the streets, everyone in their own way, supporting him," she said. Millions turned out for protests that began June 30 demanding Morsi's removal, prompting el-Sissi to oust the Islamist leader. Morsi's supporters have continued protests demanding his reinstatement, even as a security crackdown has jailed thousands of Islamists. Detained since his ouster, Morsi faces trial on charges of inciting the killing of protesters, and prosecutors are preparing other charges, including insulting the judiciary.

El-Sissi has said he was only acting in response to the people's demands, dismissing charges of orchestrating a coup. El-Sissi installed an interim, civilian government that is paving the way for elections.

El-Sissi has cultivated a popular image for himself — that of a strongman who acted to save the nation and, at the same time, a soft-spoken figure with the interests of the people at heart. That has helped restore the prestige of the military after the much criticized period when generals held direct power for more than a year and a half after Mubarak's fall. Those generals came from an older generation than el-Sissi and have since been shunted aside.

The new petition campaign announced Monday brands itself "complete your good deed" — urging el-Sissi to take the next step and run. Organizer Rifai Nasrallah, a judge, said the goal was to collect 30 million signatures to convince the general to give in to "popular will." □



Supporters of Defense Minister Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, from left, Gamel Soliman, Rafeaey Nasrallah, Islam el-Nabwi and Abd el-Nabi abd el-Satar hold a campaign to nominate the minister to run for Egypt's president at a hotel in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Sept. 16, 2013. A group of Egyptian professionals, lawyers and ex-army officers have launched a campaign to collect signatures urging the country's military chief to run for president, just two months after he ousted the first elected leader. The Arabic on the banner reads, "General conference of the campaign 'Complete Your Good Deed' to nominate Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi for the president."

(AP Photo/Hiro Komae)

Roadside bomb hits police bus in north Sinai**ASHRAF SWEILAM**
Associated Press

EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) — Militants in Egypt's northern Sinai Peninsula struck a police bus with a roadside bomb on Monday, wounding nine people and killing a young conscript who had survived the blast, security officials said.

The 21-year-old had jumped from the moving bus after the explosion and was likely kidnapped by militants who shot him and dumped his body on the side of the road, they said. One of the wounded in the bus attack was a civilian, the rest were conscripts.

The blast on the outskirts

of el-Arish, northern Sinai's provincial capital, came amid a counterinsurgency operation by Egypt's military and police in the volatile desert region.

The bus had carrying conscripts from the border town of Rafah, near the Palestinian Gaza Strip, to el-Arish and was escorted by an armored police car. The bomb was set off by remote control, said the officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The attack comes as Egypt's military presses its largest offensive in years against militants in Sinai in response to attacks the

army says have killed more than 100 policemen and soldiers since the July coup that ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi from power.

The deadliest attack took place Aug. 19 when unidentified gunmen pulled 25 police conscripts off minibuses and shot them dead on the side of the main road linking Rafah to el-Arish.

While the military says it is only targeting militant hideouts in northern Sinai, security officials have not commented about alleged civilian deaths in the latest offensive. Few journalists have direct access to what is happening in Sinai

because of security restrictions and concerns, forcing many to rely on statements by officials.

A statement purportedly released by the Sinai-based Islamic militant group Ansar Jerusalem late Sunday said the military had killed seven civilians, among them four children, in the town of Sheikh Zuweyid in northern Sinai during a military operation there on Friday. It said the children, aged one to seven years-old, died from "tank bombardment." The statement, which listed the names of those allegedly killed, said a widowed mother and another woman also died in the military assault. □



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Merkel's struggling partner tries to rally voters

DAVID RISING

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel's junior coalition partners sought Monday to rally their voters after suffering a serious state-level defeat over the weekend with national elections now only days away.

The pro-business Free Democrats, or FDP, lost their seats in the state legislature in Bavaria on Sunday, falling below the 5 percent mark needed to enter state parliament.

They had been in Bavarian government with the Merkel-allied Christian Social Union, and the outcome highlighted uncertainty over Merkel's chances of continuing her current center-right coalition government at the national level.

The latest nationwide polls show the FDP at 5 or 6 percent and Merkel's Christian Democratic Union at 40 or 41 percent heading in to the Sept. 22 election — enough to form a govern-

ment together and govern for four more years.

But if the Free Democrats fall below the 5 percent hurdle to get into federal Parliament, it could either force Merkel to choose another coalition partner or give other parties the opportunity to combine forces to form a government themselves.

"This is a wakeup call for all (party supporters) in Germany," said party general secretary Patrick Doering.

Vice Chancellor Philipp Roesler, the Free Democrats' leader, warned voters on n-tv television Monday that if the party doesn't make it into the federal Parliament, Germany's center-left could team up with a hard-left rival to take power. "Nobody wants that," he said. Roesler sought to downplay the weekend defeat, however, saying "the situation nationally is totally different from Bavaria."

But Sigmar Gabriel, chairman of the Social Democrats, said the Bavarian

result bodes well for his party's hope of having its candidate, Peer Steinbrueck, become chancellor in a

coalition with the Greens. The Social Democrats were at 26 percent in the latest national polls.



Germany's Free Democratic Party (FDP) chairman Philipp Roesler briefs the media after a party's leaders meeting in Berlin, Monday, Sept. 16, 2013. Chancellor Angela Merkel's junior coalition partners sought Monday to rally their voters after suffering a serious state vote defeat over the weekend with national elections now only days away.

(AP Photo/dpa, Maurizio Gambarini)

"If the FDP were not to make it into Parliament, the chances would increase dramatically for Peer Steinbrueck to become chancellor," he said.

With just days before the national ballot the FDP's top candidate, Rainer Bruederle, suggested that any Christian Democrat supporters who want the current coalition to survive should vote tactically to ensure his party makes it into Parliament.

"Whoever wants Merkel, votes for the FDP," Bruederle said. Merkel herself thought little of the idea.

"We don't have any votes to give away," the dpa news agency quoted her as saying at an election rally in the state of Lower-Saxony.

Belgium's main phone firm hacked

JUERGEN BAETZ

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgium's main phone operator said Monday its systems have been hacked in what the government described as a suspected incident of cyber-espionage.

Initial information points toward a sophisticated system of intrusion not for sabotage purposes but for "strategic information gathering" with the technology used suggesting "a high-level involvement by another country," Belgian Prime Minister Elio di Rupo said in a statement.

Belgacom said its teams of experts found "traces of a digital intrusion in the com-

pany's internal IT system" but restored the system's integrity over the weekend. The company said it currently has no indication of any impact on its customers or their data. It has filed a complaint with federal prosecutors against an unknown third party.

Neither the government nor Belgacom commented on whom they suspected was behind the spying attack, citing the ongoing judicial investigation. Still, the incident came only weeks after reports based on material leaked by Edward Snowden which claimed that U.S. surveillance agencies were eavesdropping on European Union institutions based in Brussels.



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Philippines: Troops retake 70% of rebel held territory

BULLIT MARQUEZ
 Associated Press
 ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — Philippine troops have recaptured 70 percent of the coastal areas by a southern city that were occupied by Muslim rebels, the military said, adding helicopter gunships were deployed for the first time Monday as a hostage standoff dragged to its second week.

Troops and special police forces have killed or arrested more than 100 Moro National Liberation Front rebels, who occupied five coastal villages, after government forces foiled what officials said was an attempt by the heavily armed insurgents to take control of Zamboanga city hall on Sept. 8. But about 100 rebels remained holed up with more than 100 hostages. Government troops were continuing a push against the insurgents but were wary of causing any harm to the captives, military spokesman Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala said, adding it was difficult to say when the fighting will end.

Troops have tried to contain the clashes in the coastal outskirts of Zamboanga, a largely Christian city of nearly 1 million people, but suspected rebel mortar fire destroyed a car near the city's downtown area Monday, raising fears the gunmen were attempting to divert the military's attention. □

Syria deal shines light on Israeli capabilities

JOSEF FEDERMAN
 Associated Press
 JERUSALEM (AP) — The U.S.-Russian plan to dismantle Syria's chemical weapons is drawing attention to Israel's own suspected chemical stockpile and could raise pressure on the Jewish state to come clean about its capabilities.

They say the key issue right now is Syria, not Israel. In a radio interview Monday, former Defense Minister Amir Peretz declined to discuss the country's chemical weapons capabilities but said the international community's attitude toward Israel is "different" from Syria.

Russia to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons by mid-2014, voices have emerged calling on the government to take similar steps. "I do believe that the Israeli government should be open about this issue, should say what arsenal, if any, it does have and should strive for an interna-

der international pressure," the newspaper said. Paul Hirschson, a spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said Israel could not ratify the treaty in such an uncertain environment. There seems to be a consensus among foreign experts that Israel has likely developed an arsenal of chemical and biological weapons over the years. "Israel's lack of transparency has led to a continued suspicion that a chemical weapons program is in place, although we are unable to confirm this or provide any further details," Emily Chorley, a chemical weapons analyst at IHS Jane's, said in an email. In a report this month, Foreign Policy magazine published what it said was a secret 1983 CIA document outlining evidence that Israel possessed a chemical weapons stockpile of unknown size, likely developed in the 1970s out of fear its neighbors were acquiring such weapons.



Israeli workers are seen at the Shalon gas mask factory in Kiryat Gat, Israel. The U.S.-Russian plan to dismantle Syria's chemical weapons is drawing some unwanted attention on Israel's own alleged chemical stockpile and could raise pressure on the Jewish state to come clean about its capabilities. Israeli officials remain mum on whether the country even possesses a chemical arsenal and say any talk of putting pressure on Israel is meant to divert attention from Syria.

(AP Photo/Tsafrir Abayov)

Israel signed the landmark international treaty banning the production or use of chemical weapons two decades ago, but it is among a handful of nations that have never ratified the deal. While foreign experts widely believe that Israel likely possesses a stockpile of chemical and biological weapons, Israeli officials refuse to confirm or deny the existence of any such arsenal.

"It's clear to everyone that (Israel) is a democratic, responsible regime," he told Israel Radio. "I very much hope and am certain that the international community will not make this a central question and we will maintain the status quo." Israel has been similarly vague about foreign reports of a nuclear arsenal, a policy of ambiguity aimed at deterring its enemies. But following the weekend deal between the U.S. and

tional agreement to keep all these kinds of weapons outside of the Middle East," said opposition lawmaker Dov Khenin. The liberal daily Haaretz wrote in an editorial Monday that the chemical disarmament of Syria gives Israel an opportunity to finally ratify the Chemical Weapons Convention. "It would be a pity if in the future Israel finds itself in the position of Syria — forced to sign the convention un-

"Several indicators lead us to believe that they have available to them at least persistent and non-persistent nerve agents, a mustard agent, and several riot-control agents, matched with suitable delivery systems," the document says. The article's author, military historian Matthew M. Aid, said the nonpersistent agent was almost certainly sarin, the same chemical that the Syrian army is suspected of using in an Aug. 21 attack that allegedly killed more than 1,400 civilians and triggered the international response. It was unclear what the persistent nerve agent might be. □

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New US ambassador arrives in Brazil amid tensions



U.S. Ambassador to Brazil Liliana Ayalde waves at the Brasilia International airport, upon her arrival to Brasilia, Brazil, Monday, Sept. 16, 2013. The new ambassador to Brazil has landed in Latin America's biggest nation amid hiked tensions between the countries.

(AP Photo/Agencia Brasil, Marcello Casal Jr.)

communications of its president. Ambassador Liliana Ayalde is a career diplomat with three decades of experience and a former ambassador to Paraguay. She most recently served as the deputy assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, covering Cuba, Central America and the Caribbean.

"This is a very important moment for our relations, full of opportunities and possibilities," Ayalde told reporters at Brasilia's airport, speaking in Portuguese.

"I'm sure that together, we can expand and deepen the ties that exist between our two important nations." The new ambassador didn't respond to Brazilian journalists' questions about the National Security Agency's spying program.

Ayalde arrives just as Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff is expected to make a decision on whether she'll cancel a trip to Washington next month in protest over the NSA program. She is scheduled to be hon-

ored with a state dinner, the only one scheduled so far this year in the U.S. for a visit meant to show Brazil's growing economic and strategic importance.

Several reports on Brazil's Globo television and in the Globo newspaper have been based on NSA documents leaked by Edward Snowden.

In addition to indicating that Rousseff's communications with her top aides were intercepted, reports say that the NSA targeted the private computer network of state-run oil company Petrobras and that the NSA has collected data on billions of emails and telephone calls that flow through Brazil.

Ayalde is also arriving in a nation shocked by huge anti-government protests in June.

Demonstrations continue to linger and could be sparked again by a number of factors, including a slowed economy, next year's presidential election year and the World Cup. □

Cuba, US discuss direct mail

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — U.S. and Cuban representatives met in Havana on Monday for renewed talks on re-establishing direct mail service, 50 years after it was severed amid Cold War tensions relations.

The American delegation was led by Lea Emerson, executive director for international postal affairs at the U.S. Postal Service, and included State Department officials. They met with Cuban counterparts, including Johana Tablada, deputy director of the Foreign Ministry's U.S. affairs division.

A State Department communication called the talks "fruitful" and said delegates would tour Cuban mail facilities Tuesday.

"The re-establishment of direct transportation of mail between the United States and Cuba is consistent with our goal of promoting the

free flow of information to, from and within Cuba," it said.

Cuba said in a statement that the discussions were "respectful" and both sides agreed to meet again in the coming months.

Mail service between the two countries was canceled in 1963.

Currently, letters mailed from the United States to Cuba and vice versa take circuitous paths through third countries even though just 90 miles of sea separates the island nation from Florida.

Monday's meeting follows similar negotiations in Washington in June. Cuba and the United States also held migration discussions in July.

Both sets of talks had been on hold since 2009, when USAID development subcontractor Alan Gross was caught bringing restricted communications equipment into Cuba. □

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — The new U.S. ambassador to Brazil landed in the capital Monday amid increasing tensions over a U.S. spy program that aggressively targets Latin America's biggest nation, reportedly including the personal

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Caribbean gathering focuses on reparations battle

DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Politicians, lawyers and academics gathered Monday in St. Vincent & the Grenadines to advance an effort by more than a dozen regional nations to seek slavery reparations from three European countries that benefited from the Atlantic slave trade.

The three-day conference is the first major step forward since the Caribbean Community announced in July that it intended to demand compensation for slavery and the genocide of native peoples from the governments of Britain, France and the Netherlands. Representatives from all the member nations and territories of Caricom, as the group is known, are attending the gathering.

St. Vincent Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves, who is leading the effort trying to force the region's former colonial powers to pay reparations, said the matter is a "fundamental, defining matter of our age."

"The European nations which engaged in conquest, settlement, genocide and slavery in our Caribbean must provide the reparatory resources required to repair the contemporary legacy of their historic wrongs," said Gonsalves, who takes over the rotating leadership of Caricom at the start of 2014.

Gonsalves and other Caribbean officials say com-

ing up with a financial estimate for reparations is critical for coming to terms with the lingering legacy of slavery in the region. Historians and economists will assist in the process.

There has been no monetary figure mentioned yet, but the St. Vincent prime minister said reparations must "bear a close relationship to what was illegally

paid 20 million pounds to British planters in the Caribbean, the equivalent of some 200 billion pounds (\$315 billion) today.

The Caribbean governments have brought on the British law firm of Leigh Day, which waged a successful fight for compensation for a group of Kenyans who were tortured by the British colonial government as

impact of slavery on Caribbean societies today."

"All the Caricom countries are keen to seek resolution amicably with the former slave nation states like Britain, France and the Netherlands," Day said at conference.

But, he said, if that does not succeed, they will go to the International Court of Justice, the United Nations'



Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters. Leaders of more than a dozen Caribbean nations are launching a united effort to seek compensation from three European nations for what they say is the lingering legacy of the Atlantic slave trade.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

or wrongly extracted and exploited ... from the Caribbean by the European colonialists, including the compensation paid to the slave owners at the time of the abolition of slavery."

At the time of emancipation of slaves in 1834, Britain

they fought for the liberation of their country during the so-called Mau Mau rebellion of the 1950s and 1960s.

Firm lawyer Martyn Day said the Caribbean nations are seeking to negotiate a settlement "based on the

highest judicial organ.

Gonsalves said he expected all Caricom's member states will have their representatives include a strong message about reparations in their speeches at the U.N. General Assembly next week. □

Haiti is a step closer to having an active army

TRENTON DANIEL

Associated Press

PETITE RIVIERE DE L'ARTIBONITE, Haiti (AP)

— Haiti moved closer on Monday to reconstituting a military that was abolished in 1995.

In a small ceremony in the farming village of Petite Riviere de L'Artibonite, Defense Minister Jean-Rodolphe Joazile greeted the first 41 recruits who recently returned from eight months of training in Ecuador. They will be the first members of a national military force that the government of President Michel Martelly wants to revive.

Joazile said they will spend three months working alongside Ecuadorean military engineers among the rice fields in central Haiti to repair roads and work on other public service projects in their impoverished country, which was hit by a devastating earthquake three years ago.

"Haiti's needs are not in the infantry but in technical service," Joazile said in an earlier interview. "The country is in a state of reconstruction. We need mechanics." Almost all of those in the new unit are recent high school graduates. They include 30 soldiers, 10 engineers and one officer and will report to the Defense Ministry. They won't carry weapons for now but could carry handguns, in three to four years, if either the recruits pay for the weapon themselves or the government receives financing to do so, Joazile said in an interview last week. "If the authorities give them permission, it's not a problem," Joazile said. The military support from Ecuador is part of a broader effort to help Haiti to rebuild from the 2010 earthquake, Ecuadorean Maj. Marco Navas said. Navas said Ecuador has given more than \$30 million to Haiti since the disaster to develop the country's infrastructure.

One of the first road projects to be tackled by the new recruits is Route National 1. □

Defendant disrupts Guantanamo hearing in 9/11 case

BEN FOX

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)

— A defendant in the Sept. 11 case at Guantanamo Bay was ejected from the courtroom Monday after arguing with the judge at the start of a pretrial hearing.

Ramzi Binalshibh got into a heated exchange with the judge, Army Col. James Pohl, shortly after the hearing opened. The defendants were being advised

of their rights to sit out the rest of a pretrial session scheduled to run through Friday. The defendant, a Yemeni who allegedly had been selected to be a Sept. 11 hijacker, sought to use what was supposed to be a brief acknowledgment of his rights as an opportunity to address the court at the U.S. base in Cuba. His words were not entirely clear through the court sound system but he mentioned sleep deprivation and insisted he should

be allowed to speak.

"I understand I have the right to talk," he said, before the judge cut him off.

"No, you don't have a right to talk," Pohl told him, before warning his attorney that he would be removed if he continued to speak out. After several more exchanges, Pohl ordered guards to remove him and said Binalshibh would be required to attend the rest of the week's session.

As Binalshibh stood and gestured at the judge, a

row of uniformed guards along the wall of the courtroom immediately stood, and then three of them led the defendant out of the courtroom.

The lead defendant, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, also sought to address the court as he has in the past but the judge rebuffed him as well.

"Mr. Mohammed, I am not here to discuss a legal issue ... I'm simply giving you your rights to be absent," Pohl said. □



Locals and island visitors enjoy artist Khalilah Rose in concert!

SAN NICOLAS - Khalilah, a soft spoken, famous but down to earth Jamaican Reggae singer performed five songs from her latest album "Zion's Lullaby". She danced, laughed and

tion on the island of Aruba. This hill is located almost in the center of the island in the area called Sta. Cruz. Many have remarked about the panoramic views obtained on the top.



sang barefoot, clearly enjoying her audience. She even invited the locals to step on stage and dance with her.

The Aruba Today Crew joined Khalilia on her Aruba adventure.

Visiting Aruba for the first time, Khalilah made a list of places she wanted to visit. Her first place of interest was a hill that she was intrigued by, called Hooiberg. The Dutch word hooiberg, literally translates into haystack in English and is the name of a hay-rick called a hay barrack. This Haystack is a 165 m (541 ft) high volcanic forma-

The way up there is easy: 562 concrete steps lead to the top of the mountain. The view is breathtaking! Secondly she desired to see Baby beach which was reached after passing by Rodgers beach next to Aruba's large refinery. Since Baby Beach was kind of crowded that day with both visitors and locals enjoying their Sunday off, a nice long swim was taken over at the secluded "Dog cemetery beach". This beach is hard to find but oh so sweet. Talking about sweet.... On the way out of colony across from the large red anchor overlook-

ing Grapefield where you can admire high jumps of its daring kite surfers, Khalilah and her manager Tanya were like two kids in a candy store. At the little stand next to the road they enjoyed the freshest of the freshest cooled coco water chopped open in front of you, straight out of the coconut. With that they tested the locally made candies like; Dulce di lechi (prepared with condensed milk), Kokada (coconut candy), tentalaria di pinda (created out of sugar and peanuts) and cakes like banana, chocolate and pineapple cake. Since the ladies could not make a choice, they bought them all

On the way back to her hotel, Khalilah could not resist to stop at the Spanish lagoon/Mango halto area where she ate her fresh fruits and drunk her natural juices. As you can see on the picture taken un-



der a small gazebo she is, like many visitors coming to the island, also a fan of the Aruba Today newspaper.

Khalilah Rose assured us that she will be back to our "one happy island" real soon! ☐



Walter lands a straight flush at the Casino at the Radisson!

PALM BEACH - Walter Heinrich won \$5,014 with a straight flush at the Caribbean Stud Poker at the casino over the weekend. The lucky winner joined the gallery of other table and slot machine winners, as well as daily Mystery Jackpot winners, which get up to \$250 in cash, even without a winning combination. The Casino at the Radisson offers a great mix of fun promotions. Among most popular, the Free Play Fe-

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SushiSamba awards a winner

PALM BEACH - Photographer Ayrton Tromp was the winner of a gift certificate for dinner at SushiSamba, as he won the restaurant's Facebook campaign and received his prize from Julie, the marketing coordinator.

One of the Island's most unique dining experiences can now be found at SushiSamba, offering the Art of Sushi, with a menu filled with top grade fresh catch, prepared by an expertly trained master chef, in plain view of diners. The energy and spirit of SushiSamba's menu is also reflected in the spectacular décor with painting and prints by famous local artist Eliza Lejuez, and the sound of the latest Brazilian music. SushiSamba is located within Amazonia Churrascaria, the island's first and original a Brazilian steakhouse, which lends itself as the perfect cohabitant for SushiSamba. The Brazilian coalition of Sushi and grilled meats, now offers diners the opportunity to enjoy their beef AND their tuna served exactly to their liking.

SushiSamba features appetizers such as Miso Soup and Shrimp Tempura, cold dishes such as Tuna Tataki and the Samba Salad house specialty, Rolls and Hand Rolls, as well as a number of signature rolls with Rainbow, Dragon, Amazonia & Guarana among them. The culinary repertoire of SushiSamba includes more than fifteen types of tender Sushi or Sashimi, listing all your favorites among them.

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ORANJESTAD - Recently Cartier Aruba and Gandelman had the pleasure of receiving the President of Cartier Latin America & Caribbean, Mr. Christophe Massoni, the Sales Director for Cartier, Mr. David Horton and the Area Sales Manager for Cartier, Ms. Delphine Jacque in their boutique and stores. During the meetings, discussions were held on the economic and tourist developments in Aruba and the possible expansion of the Cartier brand. Mr. Massoni and his team visited all locations and expressed that they



were very impressed and satisfied with both the Cartier Boutique and the Gandelman Stores for the high standards of their stores and personnel, and also their wide selection of merchandise. The Cartier President referred to the Cartier Boutique and Gandelman stores as exemplary to this region and complimented the Gandelman team for their representation of the Cartier brand in Aruba over the past 21 years and the possible expansion of the Cartier brand. □



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Zach Johnson rallies to win BMW Championship

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

LAKE FOREST, Illinois (AP)

— Zach Johnson won the rain-delayed BMW Championship on Monday and now has a chance to win something bigger.

Johnson rolled in two birdie putts over the closing holes at soggy Conway Farms and closed with a 6-under 65 for a two-shot victory over Nick Watney, giving him one of the top five seeds for the Tour Championship next week and a clear shot at the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million prize.

His first win of the year came at the expense of Jim Furyk, who endured another dose of final-round disappointment.

Furyk's victory drought is now at three years, and he has failed to win the last six times he had at least a share of the lead going into the final round. He lost the outright lead with a bogey on the 11th hole and then fell too far behind with two more bogeys in his round of 71. He wound up alone in third. Watney started the week at No. 34 in the FedEx Cup. He closed with a 64, and his runner-up finish allowed him to join the 30 players who advance to East Lake next week, all of them with at least a mathematical chance at the \$10 million bonus.

Luke Donald, a member at Conway Farms, made four straight birdies on the back nine and finishing with a par save from the bunker for a 66 that enabled him to go from No. 64 to just inside the top 30 and a trip to East Lake.

The points will be reset, meaning the top five only have to win the Tour Championship to capture the cup.

Tiger Woods will be the No. 1 seed, though he doesn't go there with much mo-



Zach Johnson poses with the Western Golf Association trophy, left, and the BMW Championship trophy after winning the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.

mentum. Woods started the final round in cool, breezy conditions just four shots behind and was never a factor after missing a short par putt on the opening hole. He closed with a 71 and tied for 11th, seven shots behind.

"It was not a very good putting week," Woods said, who was coming off a tie for 65th on the TPC Boston. "It's just one of those weeks where I just didn't have it." Henrik Stenson, a winner in Boston and angry enough in Chicago that

he snapped off the head of his driver during the final round, will be the No. 2 seed at East Lake, followed by Masters champion Adam Scott, Johnson and Matt Kuchar.

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Christopher Horner of United States celebrates after winning the Spanish Vuelta cycling race in Madrid, Spain, Sunday Sept. 15, 2013.

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Horner misses doping test

MADRID (AP) — American cyclist Christopher Horner was at the center of a drug-testing mix-up on Monday, the day after the 41-year-old veteran won the Spanish Vuelta.

Spain's anti-doping agency says it received a request from its American counterpart USADA to perform a routine test on Horner early Monday, only to find the rider was not at the address they had been given.

The RadioShack-Leopard rider had spent the night at a different hotel than the rest of his team.

However, his team released a statement saying Horner had updated his whereabouts with USADA correctly, giving the name of his hotel for the night and other details.

The team included a screenshot of the email reply from USADA which said, "Your update has been received." □

Kiwis regain America's Cup momentum in Race 10

BERNIE WILSON

AP Sports Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dean Barker and Emirates Team New Zealand regained the momentum in the America's Cup when they pulled ahead of defending champion Oracle Team USA on the fourth leg to win Race 10 by 17 seconds Sunday on San Francisco Bay.

Team New Zealand, which almost capsized during a 52-second loss Saturday, leads 7-1 and needs two more wins to claim the Auld Mug for the second time in 18 years.

Monday's a lay day and the Kiwis could clinch on Tuesday, when the next two races are scheduled. Oracle Team USA, owned by software tycoon Larry Ellison, needs to win eight more races to keep the old-

est trophy in international sports. It entered the series with a two-point penalty for the biggest cheating scandal in the Cup's 162-year history.

Even if it continues to split races, Team New Zealand can essentially run out the clock against the American powerhouse.

Oracle led wire-to-wire to win Race 9 by 47 seconds earlier Sunday to seemingly regain the momentum. It was the first time this regatta that Oracle won consecutive races.

Barker turned momentum back the Kiwis' way at the first mark in Race 10. Oracle skipper Jimmy Spithill had the acceleration but Barker just barely had the inside position heading into the mark and was able to keep his 72-foot catamaran overlapped. Team New

Zealand led by 4 seconds turning onto the downwind second leg.

The Kiwis extended the lead to 11 seconds sailing downwind, but the American boat continued to show improvement on the windward third leg and took a 1-second lead through the third gate.

The Kiwis went from almost even with Oracle to about 200 yards ahead after the American boat chose to slow and dip behind on the downwind fourth leg rather than gybe onto Team New Zealand.

Barker kept the lead as he rounded the fourth mark and sped to the finish line just off Pier 27-29.

Oracle won Race 9 decisively even after hitting something with its port rudder before the race. The shore crew repaired the



In a photo provided by the America's Cup Event Authority, Emirates Team New Zealand, right, nearly capsizes alongside Oracle Team USA, left, while heading for the windward marks during the eighth race of the America's Cup sailing event Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, in San Francisco. Oracle Team USA won the eighth race and the ninth race was called because of strong winds.

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top rudder bearing before the start and was making more repairs before Race 10.

Oracle had been getting stomped by the Kiwis sailing the only upwind leg on the course, but that changed since it made changes to its wing sail and jib setup to have the boat

better balanced. The crew work improved along with the changes to the catamaran.

At one point on the windward leg in Race 9, as the boats zigzagged toward the Golden Gate Bridge, Oracle tactician Be Ainslie was heard to say, "Lovely tack." □

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Matt Kenseth wins opening Chase race at Chicago

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

JOLIET, Illinois (AP) — Matt Kenseth restored order to a chaotic week for NASCAR with a steely victory over teammate Kyle Busch in the opening race for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

The top seed at the start of the Chase, Kenseth slid into Chicagoland Speedway under the radar as all the attention centered squarely on NASCAR's investigation into the manipulation attempts of at least three teams to alter the outcome at Richmond the previous week.

It led to severe sanctions against Michael Waltrip Racing, Martin Truex Jr. was replaced by Ryan Newman in the Chase field, and after NASCAR continued to review incidents long after cars began to practice for Sunday's race, NASCAR chairman Brian France took the unprecedented step of expanding the field to 13 drivers to add Jeff Gordon.

Then he held an ethics meeting for teams on the eve of the opening race to outline new "rules of the road," demanding drivers give 100 percent going



Matt Kenseth celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill., Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013.

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forward and banning any attempts to artificially affect the outcome of races as France sought to restore the integrity of NASCAR.

A strong opener to the 10-race Chase would go a long way, but rain made for another bad day for NASCAR.

The start was delayed by mist for almost 90 minutes. Once the race began, it made it almost to the halfway point before the sky opened up again. In all, there were two stoppages totaling six hours, 30 min-

utes and Kenseth didn't cross the finish line until early Monday morning.

It was worth the wait, though.

He passed Busch on a restart with 27 laps remaining — in part because of a push from Kevin Harvick — then led Busch across the finish line for a 1-2 finish for Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota.

It's bad news for the rest of the Chase field: JGR drivers have won six of the seven races so far this season on 1.5-mile tracks, and four of

the nine remaining races in the Chase are tracks covering the same distance.

Kenseth, a six-time winner this season, has four wins on 1.5-mile tracks.

This latest victory denied Busch a weekend sweep yet again.

He'd won the Truck race and Nationwide Series race this weekend, only to come up short in the main event. The same thing happened last month at Bristol, where Busch won the first two legs of the trifecta only to be denied the sweep by

Kenseth.

Harvick finished third, Kurt Busch was fourth and teammates Jimmie Johnson and Gordon were fourth and fifth as Chevrolet took spots three through six and Chase drivers swept the top six spots.

Gordon, who only learned he made the Chase 48 hours before the race, was in great shape until he got a flat tire that forced him to pit and claw his way back for his finish.

"That was an incredible accomplishment. It just shows how much fight this team has in them.

They just never gave up," he said. "To think how far down we were with 40 laps to go — I know we were 18th on one of those last restarts — to be able to come up through there and get sixth, and have a shot at top-five, was a lot of fun.

That's what we needed to get this thing started off right."

Defending series champion Brad Keselowski, who failed to qualify for the Chase this year, was seventh. Keselowski was the defending race winner.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. was eighth. □

BMW Championship

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Steve Stricker, who played in the final group with Johnson, was one shot off the lead when he started the back nine bogey-double bogey. He closed with a 72, a round that cost him one of the top five seeds. Furyk had company in his misery.

Matt Jones of Australia had a chance to get to the Tour Championship — which effectively would have put him in the four majors next year — but his 8-foot birdie putt on the last hole hit the lip. That cost him a spot in the top 30.

Harris English was at No. 28 and might have caught the worst break of them all. In a driving rain Sunday, he lost the grip on his tee shot and pulled it into grass so thick the ball was never

found. The horn to stop play sounded a minute later, and English went back out Monday morning to No. 8 to play his third shot on the par 5. He wound up with a double bogey, never found momentum and fell out of the top 30 by two shots.

Lee Westwood also fell out of the Tour Championship with a poor week.

Johnson now has 10 career wins on the PGA Tour, and this one capped off an amazing month. Johnson put his postseason in jeopardy by skipping the opening FedEx Cup playoff event to attend his brother's wedding — though he went over to Conway Farms during the wedding week for a sneak preview. He made a 25-foot birdie



Nick Watney reacts after missing a birdie attempt on the 18th green during the final round of the BMW Championship golf tournament at Conway Farms Golf Club, Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, in Lake Forest, Ill.

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putt on the last hole at the TPC Boston to earn a spot on the Presidents Cup team, and then won the BMW Championship to get

one of the top seeds.

It was a clean performance on the soft, sloppy turf in the north Chicago suburbs.

Johnson played the final 31 holes without a bogey. He got into the mix with birdie putts on the seventh and eighth, the holes were everyone should try to make up ground. He took a share of the lead with an 8-foot birdie on No. 12.

Furyk had fallen out of the lead on the 13th hole by missing a 5-foot par putt. On the 16th hole — the second-toughest in the final round — Johnson took on the flag and went just long into the first cut. He popped it out with his putter and watched the 18-footer roll true to the hole and drop for birdie. Johnson again went at the pin on the par-3 17th and made a 12-footer for birdie to stretch his lead.

He finished at 16-under 268 and earned \$1.44 million, pushing his career earnings to just over \$30 million. □

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WNBA Capsules

Parker's 16 points help LA rout Phoenix, 89-55

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Candace Parker and Jantel Lavender each scored 16 points as the Los Angeles Sparks routed the Phoenix Mercury 89-55 on Sunday. Nneka Ogumike had 12 points and eight rebounds for the Sparks (24-10) in a preview of the Western Conference semifinals. They've clinched the second and third seeds and will open a best-of-three series Thursday in Los Angeles.

Brittney Griner had nine points, seven rebounds and four blocks for Phoenix (19-15), which was held to its lowest point total this season.

Jasmine James also added nine points.

Diana Taurasi, who had a shot at her sixth WNBA scor-

ing title, took a knee to a quad in the second quarter and was held out as a precautionary measure. Phoenix's second-leading scorer Candice Dupree did not play.

MYSTICS 70, LIBERTY 52

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taylor Hill scored a career-high-equaling 16 points to help the Mystics defeat the Liberty and clinch the third playoff seed in the Eastern Conference.

Kia Vaughn scored 10 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for her second-straight double-double and her third of the season to help the Mystics split their four-game season series with New York.

Ivory Latta added 12 points for Washington (17-17), which closed its season

with three straight victories to finish a game ahead of fourth-place Indiana entering their first playoffs since 2010.

The Mystics will face second-seeded Atlanta in a three-game conference semifinal series.

Kelsey Bone scored 11 points and Toni Young added 10 for New York (11-23) in the final game for retiring teammate and seven-time WNBA All-Star Katie Smith.

SUN 82, FEVER 80, OT
UNCASVILLE, Connecticut (AP) — Izzy Castro Marques made two free throws with 1.9 seconds remaining in overtime and the Sun edged the Fever.

Castro Marques led Connecticut (10-24) with 19 points. Mistie Bass had 16 points and 12 rebounds



Indiana Fever's Erlana Larkins, right, knocks the ball from Connecticut Sun's Mistie Bass during overtime of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013 in Uncasville, Conn. Connecticut won 82-80.

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and Renee Montgomery added 16 points for the Sun.

Karima Christmas led the playoff-bound Fever (16-18) with 21 points. Katie Douglas had 14 points, Erlana Larkins and Jeanette Pohlen each scored 12.

Larkins missed a short jumper at the buzzer for Indiana.

Kelsey Griffin, who had 10 points, forced overtime scoring with 0.4 seconds left in regulation.

Both teams played with seven players because of injuries and to rest players on the last day of the regular season. Indiana will advance to the WNBA playoffs. □

Cilic suspended 9 months for doping violation

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AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Croatian player Marin Cilic was handed a nine-month suspension by the International Tennis Federation on Monday after testing positive for a banned substance.

The suspension was backdated to May 1 and will last through Jan. 31, 2014.

Cilic tested positive for nikethamide, a stimulant, at a tournament in Munich last spring. The ITF said it accepted the player's contention that he ingested the substance inadvertently in glucose tablets and was not trying to cheat.

As a result, the ITF gave him

a reduced penalty rather than a ban of up to two years.

"Mr. Cilic asserted that the nikethamide, for which he did not hold a valid TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption), had entered his system through his ingestion of Coramine glucose tablets that had been purchased on his behalf from a pharmacy," the ITF said in a statement. "The Independent Tribunal found that Mr Cilic ingested the nikethamide inadvertently as a result of taking the Coramine glucose tablets, and did not intend to enhance his performance in doing so."

The 24-year-old Cilic, who

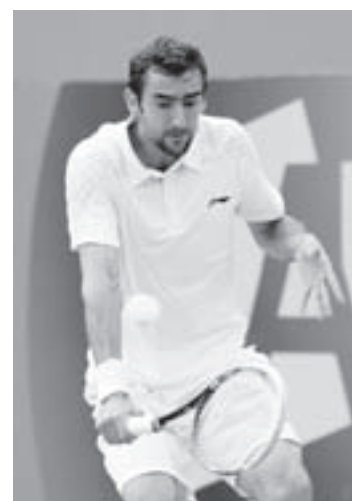
reached a career-best ranking of No. 9 in 2010, has not played since pulling out from Wimbledon in June before a second-round match, citing a left knee injury.

He has since missed the U.S. Open and will also be ineligible for the Australian Open in January.

The ITF said Cilic will lose all his results, ranking points and prize money since the Munich tournament.

His best result since Munich was a runner-up finish at the Queen's Club grass-court tournament, where he lost to Andy Murray.

Cilic said in a statement he will appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lau-



This June 16, 2013 file photo shows Marin Cilic of Croatia playing a return to Andy Murray of Britain during their Queen's Club grass court championships single final tennis match in London.

Associated Press

sanne, Switzerland.

He said the banned substance came from a glucose tablet purchased at a pharmacy in France.

"Unbeknownst to me, the glucose tablets contained a substance that is banned in-competition (although it is allowed out-of-competition)," he said.

"I wish to emphasize that I have never knowingly or deliberately taken any banned substances in my life and that I am opposed to any use of performance-enhancing substances in sport," Cilic added.

Cilic said he isn't able to comment further until the legal process is completed. □

AL Capsules

Red Sox eliminate Yankees from AL East race

The Associated Press
BOSTON (AP) — Clay Buchholz allowed two hits over six innings to improve to 11-0 and Daniel Nava had four hits to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 9-2 victory over New York on Sunday night and eliminate the Yankees from the AL East race.

Boston leads second-place Tampa Bay by 9½ games with a magic number of four to clinch its second division title since 1995.

The Yankees trail the Rays and Texas Rangers by three in the wild-card standings, with Cleveland and Baltimore also ahead of them in the race.

The Yankees had won the last two division titles and 13 of the last 17.

In his second start since coming off the disabled list, Buchholz walked four and struck out three and allowed only one unearned run.

Shortly after a pregame ceremony to honor Yankees closer Mariano Rivera in his last scheduled trip to Fenway Park, Mike Napoli hit a two-run homer off Ivan



Boston Red Sox's Clay Buchholz delivers a pitch against the New York Yankees in the first inning of a baseball game at Fenway Park, in Boston, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013.

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Nova (8-5) to make it 3-1 in the first inning.

TWINS 6, RAYS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Joel Peralta gave up a solo homer to Ryan Doumit in the eighth inning and a three-run drive to Jostil Pinto as Tampa Bay stumbled again in the AL wild-card race with a loss to Minnesota.

Tampa Bay, which had won its previous three games, wasted a 3-0 lead and dropped to 7-14 from Aug. 25 on. The Rays remained tied with Texas for the two AL wild-card spots, a half-game ahead of Cleveland. Minnesota had lost 11 in a row to the Rays.

Tampa Bay led 4-2 in the eighth, but Peralta (2-8) blew a save for the third time in four chances. After Doumit's 13th home run of the season, Trevor Plouffe singled and Josh Willingham walked.

Pinto then sent an 0-1 pitch into the Rays bullpen in center field, the rookie's second career homer.

INDIANS 7, WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Nick

Swisher homered from both sides of the plate for the 13th time, Asdrubal Cabrera hit a three-run homer as Cleveland beat Chicago to pull within a half-game of Tampa Bay and Texas in the AL wild-card race.

In a game that started after a rain delay of 4 hours, 28 minutes, the Indians achieved a franchise first by sweeping a four-game series from the White Sox for the third time in a season. Zach McAllister (8-9) allowed one run and six hits in 6 2-3 innings with five strikeouts and a walk.

Last-place Chicago has lost six in a row, and at 58-91 is 33 games under .500 for the first time since finishing 1976 with a 64-97 record, according to STATS.

Chris Sale (11-13) gave up six runs and nine hits — including three homers — in 5 2-3 innings and dropped to 6-11 following a 5-2 start. He has an 8.61

TIGERS 3, ROYALS 2

DETROIT (AP) — Alex Avila homered twice, including a tiebreaking solo shot in the eighth inning that lifted Detroit over Kansas City. □



Yakult Swallows' Wladimir Balentien holds up a memorial board after hitting his 56th home run off Hanshin Tiger's Daiki Enokida to break Japan's season record in their regular season baseball game at Jingu Stadium in Tokyo Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013.

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JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Former major leaguer Wladimir Balentien hit his 56th and

Balentien breaks Japan's home run record

57th home runs on Sunday, breaking the Japanese single-season record set by legendary slugger Sadaharu Oh 49 years ago.

Balentien hit the record-breaking two-run homer in the first inning of Sunday's game, sending the ball over the left-field wall at Tokyo's Jingu Stadium to give his Yakult Swallows an early lead over the Hanshin Tigers. He then added a solo shot in the third for No. 57 to help the Swallows to a 9-0 win.

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the Swallows to a 9-0 win. Oh set the mark of 55 in 1964.

While it was equaled by ex-major leaguers Tuffy Rhodes in 2001 and Alex Cabrera in 2002, many felt Oh used his position as a manager to prevent both players from breaking it.

"I want to thank the fans for all their support," Balentien said. "It was a great feeling. I don't think I will ever feel anything like that again in my life."

The 29-year-old Balentien missed the first 12 games of this season because of a leg injury sustained while playing for the Netherlands in the World Baseball Classic.

Balentien's challenge of Oh's record comes in a season in which there is controversy over attempts to reform the game to

make it more exciting. In June, Japanese baseball officials admitted they introduced a new official ball this season without notifying players. The new ball has resulted in a dramatic increase in home runs.

Rhodes and Cabrera tied Oh's record with several games left in the season but were then walked repeatedly by teams managed by Oh, who later denied instructing his pitchers to not challenge either player.

Randy Bass hit 54 homers in 1985 but fell short in the last game of the season when the pitcher from the Yomiuri Giants, then managed by Oh, walked him in his last at-bat, preventing Bass from tying the record.

Oh is a legend in Japan. His 868 career home runs, which surpassed Hank

Aaron's then major league record of 755, made him a national hero.

"Oh is the home run king and I have a lot of respect for him," Balentien said. "To be able to tie him and then pass him is something very special for me."

The single-season home run record is also highly regarded, and former New York Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui wore No. 55 in recognition of it.

The closest Matsui came to breaking Oh's record was 50 homers in 2002, when he played for the Giants.

The 73-year-old Oh is no longer actively involved in Japanese baseball and serves as an honorary chairman of the Softbank Hawks, the team he managed when Rhodes and Cabrera were attempting to break his record. □

Morneau's RBI single in 8th lifts Pirates

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Francisco Liriano took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning before faltering in his first no-decision this season, and pinch-hitter Justin Morneau singled in the go-ahead run in the eighth Sunday to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates over the Chicago Cubs 3-2.

NL Capsules

Pittsburgh remained tied with St. Louis for the NL Central lead after taking three of four from the last-place Cubs and winning for the sixth time in seven games. Morneau, acquired from Minnesota on Aug. 31, drove in his first run for the Pirates. The 2006 AL MVP is batting .279 (12 for 43) with Pittsburgh. With the score 2-2 in the eighth, Andrew McCutchen was hit by a pitch from Pedro Strop (2-2), took second on Marlon Byrd's bloop single to center and scored on Morneau's single.

Kyle Farnsworth (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Mark Melancon completed a three-hitter with a perfect ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances.

CARDINALS 12, MARINERS 2 ST. LOUIS (AP) — Yadier Molina broke out of a slump with a home run and three singles as Shelby Miller and St. Louis remained tied for first place in the NL Central by beating Seattle in an interleague matchup.

Matt Adams also homered as St. Louis won for the seventh time in nine games and kept pace with Pittsburgh. Both teams are 87-62 with 13 games remaining.

Miller (14-9) gave up one earned run and three hits in five innings. He became the first St. Louis rookie to reach 14 wins in a season since Dick Hughes won 16 in 1967.

Molina's second-inning homer off Erasmo Ramirez (5-2) snapped an 0-for-15 skid. Molina scored three

times and raised his batting average to .317.

BREWERS 6, REDS 5

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Sean Halton hit a solo homer with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Milwaukee to the comeback victory over Cincinnati.

Halton's home run came off reliever Zach Duke (1-2), the fifth Cincinnati pitcher. It was Halton's third homer of the season and first career walk-off. Jean Segura sparked a rally with a two-run triple and Carlos Gomez made a game-saving catch for Milwaukee, which dealt a blow to the Reds' pursuit of the NL Central title. The Brewers entered the eighth trailing 5-2. Segura's hit came after Reds relievers walked the first two batters of the inning. Jonathan Lucroy followed with a sacrifice fly to tie it. Jim Henderson (4-5) pitched a scoreless inning in relief to pick up the win. Gomez robbed Jay Bruce of what would have been a three-run homer in the ninth when he extended over the center field fence with two outs.

NATIONALS 11, PHILLIES 2 WASHINGTON (AP) — Wilson Ramos had four hits and five RBIs, Jordan Zimmermann pitched seven innings for his NL-best 18th win as Washington kept up its late playoff push by routing Philadelphia.

Denard Span extended his hitting streak to 26 games, Bryce Harper hit a pair of doubles and a single and scored three times, and every player in the Nationals' starting lineup had at least one hit. Washington, which began the day 5½ games behind Cincinnati for the NL's second wild-card berth, has won eight of nine and 25 of 35.

Zimmerman (18-8) scattered seven hits and single runs in the second and third innings with seven strikeouts.

times and raised his batting average to .317.



Pittsburgh Pirates pinch-hitter Justin Morneau hits a single to drive in Andrew McCutchen with the go-ahead run in the eighth inning of the baseball game against the Chicago Cubs on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, in Pittsburgh. The Pirates won 3-2.

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GIANTS, 4, DODGERS 2

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hunter Pence hit two more home runs and pinch-hitter Brett Pill connected for a tiebreaking shot leading off the eighth inning as San Francisco beat Los Angeles. Pinch-hitter Yasiel Puig grounded out with the bases loaded to end the game. The NL West-leading Dodgers lost three of four to San Francisco, and the magic number to clinch their first division title since 2009 remained at four after second-place Arizona won.

Pence has 19 RBIs in six games. He drove in three a day after his grand slam and career-high seven RBIs led the Giants to a 19-3 rout at Dodger Stadium.

Jean Machi (3-1) pitched one inning. Sergio Romo closed for his 35th save in 39 chances.

Paco Rodriguez (3-3) gave up Pill's homer.

DIAMONDBACKS 8, ROCKIES 2

PHOENIX (AP) — Paul Goldschmidt homered and went 4 for 4, driving in career high-tying five runs to lead Arizona past Colorado.

Colorado star Todd Helton did not play, a day after announcing he would retire at the end of this season. The crowd at Chase Field cheered him early in the game and he waved

his cap in appreciation.

Goldschmidt had an RBI single in the first inning, hit a two-run homer in the third and added a two-run double in the fourth, all against Jhoulys Chacin (13-9). Goldschmidt leads the NL with 114 RBIs.

Randall Delgado (5-6) allowed two runs and five hits in six innings for the Diamondbacks, who won have won three of four.

PADRES 4, BRAVES 0

ATLANTA (AP) — Burch Smith struck out 10 in seven innings to earn his first major league victory, and Chase Headley and Tommy Medica homered, as San Diego beat Atlanta.

The Braves lead the NL East by 10 games over Washington. Atlanta opens a

three-game series at Nationals Park on Monday night, and can clinch the division by winning twice there.

Smith (1-1) held the Braves hitless until pitcher Julio Teheran singled to lead off the sixth. Smith allowed three hits and walked two. The rookie made his fifth career start — he had a 12.41 ERA in his previous starts. He struck out seven of the first 13 Atlanta batters. **In other NL games it was N.Y. Mets 1, Miami 0, 12 innings; Pittsburgh 3, Chicago Cubs 2; Washington 11, Philadelphia 2; San Diego 4, Atlanta 0; Milwaukee 6, Cincinnati 5; St. Louis 12, Seattle 2; Arizona 8, Colorado 2; and San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 3.** □

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US stocks rally after Summers exits Fed race

JOSHUA FREED
AP Business Writer

Wall Street was happy to see Larry Summers go. Stocks rose on Monday after Summers, who had been the leading candidate to replace Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke, withdrew his name from consideration. Summers, a former Treasury

secretary, was viewed as being more likely to rein in the government's massive stimulus program, which has kept interest rates low and boosted corporate profits. Stocks were also helped by news that U.S. factory output rose 0.7 percent in August, the most in eight months. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 118.72 points, or 0.8 percent, to close at 15,494.78. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.61 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,697.60. The Nasdaq composite fell 4.34 points, a fraction of a percent, to 3,717.85, pulled down by a loss in Apple. Nine of 10 sectors in the S&P 500 rose, led by industrial stocks. Only technology stocks declined. At its highest point in late morning trading, the S&P 500 was within five points of its previous record close of 1,709.67, set on Aug. 2. That worried Brad McMillan, chief investment officer for Commonwealth Financial. McMillan said there are risks that investors don't seem to be accounting for in the prices they're paying. The Syria situation might not be resolved as easily as some are assuming. Europe's debt crisis isn't over. Investors seem to believe corporate profits will keep growing as fast as they have been, even though cheap debt refinancing has driven much of that growth. And there's another debate upcoming in Washington about the U.S. debt ceiling. "The last

time we had a real problem with it, it did result in a significant market correction," McMillan said. Linda Duessel, market strategist at Federated Investors in Pittsburgh, said it's just as likely that some of those issues will turn out in ways that don't hurt stocks. And even if one of those issues causes stocks to decline,

out he won't be the next Fed chief. The president is expected to nominate Ben Bernanke's successor as early as this month. The new front-runner is Janet Yellen, the Fed's vice chair. The Fed is expected to take its first step toward reducing that stimulus in a two-day policy meeting that ends Wednesday. Many economists think it will trim \$10 billion from its monthly bond purchases. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note declined more than a tenth of a percent earlier in the day, but regained most of that, and finished at 2.87 percent, down from 2.88 percent late Friday. The dollar fell against the yen and the euro. Among companies making big moves: — Homebuilders rose as investors were encouraged by a decline in long-term interest rates. The biggest gainer in percentage terms was PulteGroup, up 62 cents, or 3.8 percent, to \$17.14. — Boise, a manufacturer and seller of diversified packaging and paper products, rose \$2.60, or 26 percent, to \$12.56 after news that Packaging Corp. of America is buying it for \$1.27 billion. Packaging Corp. rose \$5.88, or almost 11 percent, to \$60.43. — Apple continued to slide, down \$14.78, or 3.2 percent, to \$450.10. Apple has fallen 11 percent since announcing its new iPhone lineup last week. Investors believe the new phones won't bring in as much overseas revenue as they had previously hoped. Trading in stock options was halted for less than an hour Monday afternoon because of a problem with their price-reporting system. □

Pebble drops disputed Alaska mine project

BECKY BOHRER
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — One of the partners in a massive and contentious proposed gold and copper mine in Alaska is pulling out.

London-based Anglo American PLC announced Monday that a subsidiary, Anglo American (US) Pebble LLC, is withdrawing from the Pebble Mine project, leaving Canada-based Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. as the sole owner.

Anglo American CEO Mark Cutifani said the decision follows a review of his company's backlog of projects. He said in a statement that Anglo American's focus has been on prioritizing money for projects with the highest value and lowest risks within its portfolio and on reducing the amount of money needed to sustain projects in the preapproval phase.

Anglo's subsidiary had spent about \$540 million on the Pebble project through June, Northern Dynasty said in a release. To retain its 50 percent interest in the project, Anglo American would have been obligated to fund \$1.5 billion in project costs through permitting and construction, Northern Dynasty has said. It's not clear what's next. Mike Heatwole, a spokesman for the Pebble Limited Partnership, which was created by Northern Dynasty and Anglo American to design, permit and run the mine, said by email that Pebble "remains an important project for Alaska and we will share additional information about the way forward for the project in the days and weeks ahead."

In April, Northern Dynasty said the goal was to begin permitting for the controversial project before the end of 2013, but the timeline for releasing project specifics and possibly moving into permitting has slipped several times over the last few years. □



Trader Michael Zicchinolfi works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, Sept. 16, 2013. U.S. stocks and bonds rose sharply in trading after former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers withdrew from the race to become head of the Federal Reserve.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

UK begins sell-off of shares in Lloyds bank

LONDON (AP) — Britain's investment authority says it has begun the privatization of the Lloyds banking group, one of several U.K. banks bailed out at the height of the world financial

crisis. U.K. Financial Investments, the arm of the British government which manages the country's stakes in Lloyds and the Royal Bank of Scotland, said it was selling 6 percent of Lloyds'

shares — bringing its stake down from about 38.7 percent to about 32.7 percent. The stake is valued at 3.3 billion pounds (\$5.3 billion) at Lloyd's Monday closing price of about 77 pence

a share. Britain injected billions of pounds into its banking sector in 2008, when the world was reeling from the effects of the U.S. real estate crash and an ensuing credit crunch. □



Investors and deal makers are hoping that Twitter's forthcoming stock sale will help the market for technology initial public offerings take flight, and Wall Street is preparing for even more from the technology sector.

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Twitter: reigniting the tech IPO

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Beginning in 2011, the market for technology initial public offerings exploded with a number of blockbuster offerings - but went quiet soon after Facebook's \$16 billion stock sale last year.

Now investors and deal makers are hoping that Twitter's forthcoming stock sale will help that once-soaring sector take flight again, and Wall Street is preparing for even more from the technology sector.

Analysts have estimated that Twitter, the social network, could be valued at more than \$10 billion and raise hundreds of millions of dollars, making it the biggest technology IPO since Facebook.

That would be manna to a landscape that has been a bit barren lately, although some changes in the technology sector are likely to temper any broad expansion of new stock sales.

About 22 technology deals have priced in 2013, about 17 percent of all IPOs this year, according to data from Renaissance Capital. By contrast, technology offerings made up 35 percent of new stock sales in

2011 and 30 percent last year.

The trend runs counter to an overall increase in the number of offerings: 132 IPOs priced this year, up 45 percent from a year ago.

Some of that decline for technology deals occurred in the wake of Facebook's botched offering, which was marred by technical errors that dented the overall market for IPOs for weeks. And turmoil in the markets this summer were faulted for a few stock sales that fell short of expectations.

Yet businesses can also afford to be more patient, biding their time before becoming public companies. "I wouldn't characterize it as companies not needing to go public, but they don't feel a rush to go public," said Cully Davis, the head of technology initial public offerings at Credit Suisse.

The quieting of the technology space is tied in part to changes in the business landscape.

One is the passage last year of the JOBS Act, which allows companies with less than \$1 billion in revenue to begin the IPO process in secret. That has helped mask the number of would-be debutantes exploring stock offerings. □

JPMorgan set to pay fines for 'whale'

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Global authorities are preparing to levy more than \$700 million in fines against JPMorgan Chase over the bank's huge trading loss in London last year - a rebuke that comes as the nation's largest bank is confronting an onslaught of legal woes. The bank's board is meeting Monday and Tuesday to approve the fines, which could be announced as soon as this week, according to people briefed on the matter. The people, who were not authorized to speak publicly about the private negotiations, cautioned that the contours of the pact could still change. A spokesman for the bank did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The settlement will resolve investigations from across the federal government and the globe, scrutiny that began when the bank first announced the trading losses in May. The trading losses, which have swelled

to more than \$6 billion, were a rare misstep for a bank that emerged from the financial crisis in far better shape than its rivals.

The looming settlement, according to the people briefed on the matter, will include fines from regulators like the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The Financial Conduct Authority, the British financial regulator, will impose its own fine. The SEC, which is focused on a breakdown in controls at the bank that allowed the trading losses to occur, is also taking the rare step of demanding that the bank admit to wrongdoing.

While each agency negotiated separately with the bank, the people said, the authorities are expected to announce the fines in concert. For JPMorgan, the fines will help close a painful chapter that included congressional hearings, the departure of senior executives and criminal charges against the traders at the

heart of the losses.

Yet it is unclear whether the settlement will afford the bank the closure it is seeking.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission, a regulator that oversees the market in which the losses occurred, has balked at joining the broader settlement announcement, the people briefed on the matter said. The agency has focused on whether JPMorgan, by amassing an outsize trading position so large that it distorted the market for financial contracts known as derivatives, "manipulated" that market. By potentially striking out on its own, the CFTC has frustrated JPMorgan's efforts to move beyond the trading losses, the people briefed on the matter said. Those efforts to settle were born out of a recent federal crackdown on the bank. Aside from the investigations into the London trading loss, the bank faces inquiries from at least seven federal agencies and two European nations. □

US factory output up 0.7%, led by autos

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S.

factories increased output in August by the most in eight months, helped by a robust month at auto plants. The gains are a hopeful sign that manufacturing could help boost economic growth in the second half of the year.

Manufacturing production rose 0.7 percent last month from July, the Federal Reserve said Monday. That's the biggest increase since December. It followed a 0.4 percent decline in July. Automakers increased production 5.2 percent, after a 4.5 percent decline in July. And factories stepped up production of other goods, including computers and electronics, furniture and business equipment.

Overall industrial production rose 0.4 percent in August following no change in July. Mining, which includes oil production, increased but output at utili-

ties fell for a fifth month.

Factory output is the largest component of industrial production. The strong gain adds to other signs

The 17 countries that use the euro grew in the April-June quarter after six quarters of recession. And a private survey of purchasing



Bottles of Brooklyn Local 2 are loaded on to a conveyor for labeling, at the Brooklyn Brewery, in the Williamsburg section of the Brooklyn borough of New York. The Federal Reserve reported on output from U.S. factories, mines and utilities in August on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

that manufacturing could be rebounding from a weak start this year.

Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said U.S. manufacturers were benefiting from stronger growth overseas.

managers in China found that manufacturing in that country expanded for the first time after shrinking for three months. China, the world's second-largest economy, is a major market for U.S. companies. □

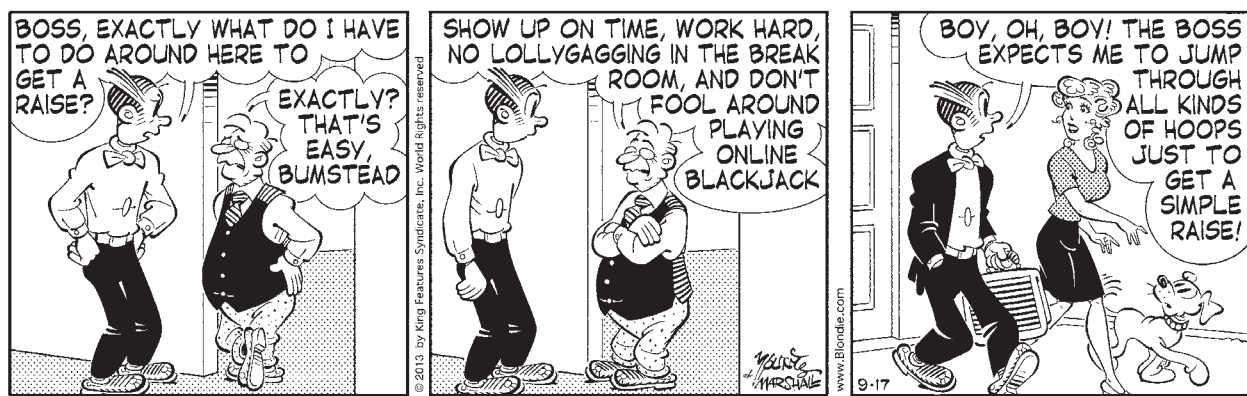
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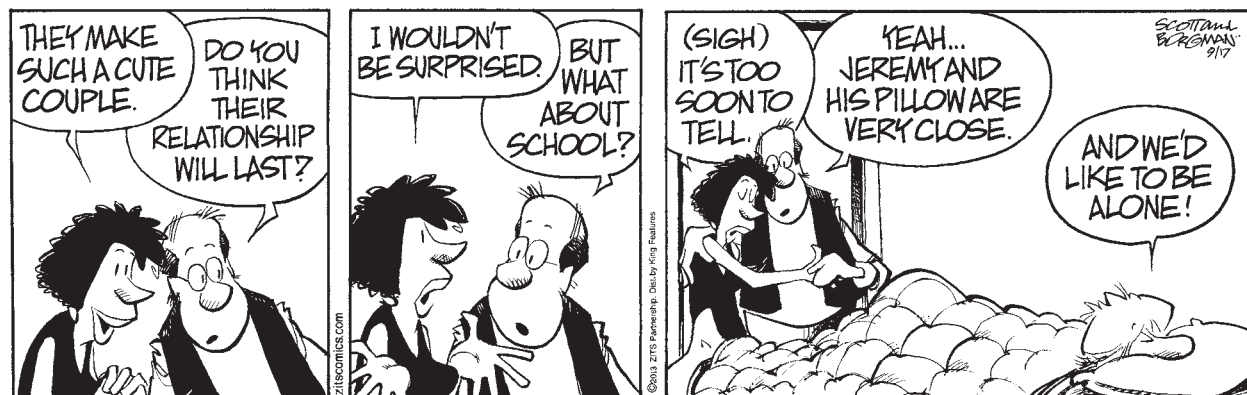
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- 15 Zero
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- 17 Hot under the collar
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- 19 Injure
- 20 Result of a high fever, perhaps
- 22 Chairperson's schedule
- 24 Refer to
- 25 Biased
- 26 Actress ___
- 29 Idaho's capital
- 30 British toilet
- 31 Firstborn of two
- 33 ___ oneself up; prepare mentally
- 37 More than
- 39 Crimean site of a noted WWII conference
- 41 Shoe bottom
- 42 Hydrogen and oxygen
- 44 Compact ___; CDs
- 46 Juicy Fruit, e.g.
- 47 Napped leather
- 49 Red gems
- 51 Fate
- 54 Mister, in Berlin
- 55 Pilot a plane
- 56 Soil; sully
- 60 Talk wildly
- 61 Actress Perlman
- 63 Neighbor of Montana
- 64 Margin
- 65 Hockey score
- 66 Robes for Indian women
- 67 Action; feat
- 68 Strong urges
- 69 Vote into office

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Grand Theft Auto V: More of everything gamers love, minus the soul-searching

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As video game players have gotten older, as anti-heroes have become routine across the culture, as sex and violence have permeated prestige television, the controversies that once surrounded the Grand Theft Auto games have begun to seem like sepia-toned oddities from another age. Sure, the new installment, to be released on Tuesday, contains plenty that might offend those who enjoy taking offense, and it is still disturbing to see parents giving these games to preteenage children. Among the interactive pastimes Grand Theft Auto offers - alongside pursuits like yoga, sky diving, tennis, scuba and golf - are bong hits and lap dances. But while the franchise has lost the ability to shock, it remains the most immersive spectacle in interactive entertainment. And with the profane and hugely enjoyable Grand Theft Auto V, Rockstar Games has produced the best plotted, most playable, character-driven, fictionally coherent entry in this 16-year-old series.

The game is set in an immense, parodic vision of Southern California, a West Coast counterpoint to the caricature of New York City in Grand Theft Auto IV (2008). While Los Santos - the game's version of Los Angeles - and its surroundings exist in an alternate reality, it is also a contemporary one that evokes and satirizes the anxieties of 21st-century life. There's a fake Facebook (LifeInvader), a fake Twitter (Bleeter), a fake Apple (Fruit), a fake Kickstarter (Beseecher), a fake "50 Shades of Grey" ("Chains of Intimacy"), even a fake Call of Duty (Righteous Slaughter 7, a first-person shooter game that advertises itself with the tagline "The identical art of contemporary killing").

Grand Theft Auto V is still an action game about hoodlums and thieves; we start with an extended

bout of cop killing and proceed to a series of increasingly ambitious heists. But the structure feels more logical than before. Your character doesn't arrive as an outsider in a new city and start carrying out the requests of people whose only purpose is seemingly

embark on acts of gleeful, creative murder that belied the story the game wanted to tell about him. Were these two men - the one in the story's animations and the one manipulated by the player - really the same person? With the three-character

beginning if they don't get it right the first time. There's even an option to skip the action sequences after repeated attempts have gone awry.

For all that the game does right, it has a genuinely problematic aspect that is not its enthusiasm for vio-



Characters in a screenshot from the video game "Grand Theft Auto V" in an undated handout photo. The game about hoodlums and thieves, set in an immense, parodic vision of Southern California, is the latest in this 16-year-old series.

(Rockstar Games via The New York Times)

to delay him. Instead, the events flow from situations and desires.

For the first time, there are three controllable characters instead of only one: Franklin, a repo man on the make, loses his job; Michael, a witness-protection retiree, miscalculates after finding his wife cheating on him with her tennis instructor; and Trevor, an oddly lovable psychopathic meth dealer and gun runner, learns that Michael, his onetime partner, faked his death 10 years ago.

"I've got an imbalance," Michael tells his psychiatrist. "One minute I'm one person, and the next minute I'm another person."

A retired - or newly unretired - bank robber, Michael is examining his struggle to control his criminal impulses. He might as well be analyzing the dissonance that afflicted Grand Theft Auto IV. That game's protagonist, Niko Bellic, would fret in animated sequences about the costs of his life of violence. But under the control of many video game players, Niko would subsequently

structure of Grand Theft Auto V, Rockstar finds an answer to that riddle.

"That seamless between narrative and interactive is something that we have worked on everywhere," said Sam Houser, the sometimes reclusive co-founder of Rockstar Games, who agreed to be interviewed after I had spent more than 45 hours inside the game's world.

Most video games are about repeated actions, about mastering a skill and exploiting it. Grand Theft Auto games are about variety. There's the array of content, including radio stations DJ'd by the likes of Bootsy Collins; entire TV shows with names like "Republican Space Rangers"; and a fake Internet. And there are the missions the characters execute, encompassing car, boat and plane chases; paparazzi ambushes; train robberies; and triathlons. Failure in the new game is less frustrating than in previous iterations, since a generous checkpointing system means that players don't need to restart a mission from the

lence or sex but its lack of interest in women as something other than lustful airheads (notwithstanding a late-game cameo by Houser's mother, Geraldine Moffat, a British actress of the 1960s and '70s). One of the only young women in the game not oversexed and under-read is sucked into a jet turbine.

When I asked Houser if he had thought about the portrayal of women in Rockstar's games, he said, "Seemingly not as much as I should have." He added: "These three guys fit with the story we wanted to tell. It would be hard to take one of them and replace him - I mean, I suppose we could have done it, early enough on - with a female character."

Houser, 41, has yet to see the Netflix series "Orange Is the New Black," but he cited "Cocaine Cowboys," a 2006 documentary about the Miami drug trade, as potentially good source material for a Rockstar game about female criminals. Sexual politics aside, Grand Theft Auto V is in many ways quite liberal. □

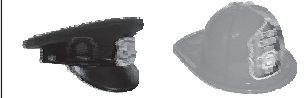
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Study: Methane leaks from gas drilling not huge

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Drilling and fracking for natural gas do not seem to spew immense amounts of the greenhouse gas methane into the air, as has been feared, a new study says. The findings bolster a big selling point for natural gas, that it's not as bad for global warming as coal. And they undercut a major environmental argument against fracking, a process that breaks apart deep rock to recover more gas. The study, mostly funded by energy interests, doesn't address other fracking concerns about potential air and water pollution. The results, which generally agree with earlier Environmental Protection Agency estimates, were published Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. About 90 percent of the study funding came from nine energy companies that drill for natural gas with the rest coming from an environmental group. But study authors said they controlled how the research was done and how the wells were chosen for study. And even Robert Howarth of Cornell University, one of the scientists who first raised the methane leak alarm, calls the results "good news." Howarth, who didn't participate in the new work, did caution that the results may represent a "best-case scenario." It might be, he said, that industry can produce gas with very low emissions, "but they very often do not do so. They do better when they know they are being carefully watched." He and the study authors say more research is needed to explain why some studies have found high rates of leaking methane and others have not. The University of Texas study wasn't a comprehensive study of all the places natural gas can leak. But Steve Hamburg, chief scientist at the market-oriented Environmental Defense



In a July 18, 2013 photo, a huge plume of gas burns while work progresses at a fracking site run by Encana Corporation in a heavily wooded area between Kalkaska and Grayling, Mich. A new study says Michigan may have large natural gas deposits deep underground, but that low prices and high extraction costs make a development boom unlikely anytime soon, if ever.

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Fund, which helped fund the study, noted that it presents "direct measures of things that everyone's been hand-waving about before. These are hard numbers using the best scientific approach that we can." The study found that during the process of extracting natural gas from the ground, total leakage at the study sites was 0.42 percent of all produced gas. That is a bit less than what the EPA suggested is the national average. The U.S. produced 24.1 trillion cubic feet (0.68 trillion cubic meters) of natural gas in 2012, so that means about 101 billion cubic feet of methane leaked into the air during the first stage of production. Additional leaks occur in the second half of the process: delivery from wells to homes and power plants. The study was one of the first time scientists were allowed to visit wells and use company data to measure escaping methane, said study lead author David Allen of the University of Texas. Some experts who didn't participate in the work praised it for its direct measurements and access, but said the way it was designed had limits and they worried about making

broad conclusions from it. Although the study team looked at 489 wells across the country, that's about one-tenth of 1 percent of all the natural gas wells in the United States. "Even very high quality measurements cannot overcome the small number of operations or sites measured," said Gabrielle Petron, a top methane monitoring scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She said she worried about high-emitters, which are rare but can account for a whopping portion of emissions. Ira Leifer, a University of California Santa Barbara scientist who has driven across country measuring methane leaks, said there's a problem in looking at "normal operations," as the new study did, versus "real operations," which includes big leaks that companies will steer scientists away from: "Their study was not designed to look at the combination of normal and abnormal operations," Leifer said. Over the last five years, advances in technology have led to a surge of gas drilling in states such as Pennsylvania, Colorado, Arkansas and North Dakota. Previously inaccessible deposits

of shale oil and gas have been unlocked by fracking. Leakage of methane, the primary component of natural gas, has been an issue because the gas is 21

times more effective than carbon dioxide at trapping heat. But it generally lasts in the air about a decade, rather than hundreds of years as carbon dioxide does. While methane concentrations in the atmosphere have been rising since 2007, federal scientists say they've found no sign that gas or oil drilling is contributing because the methane emissions come from a different part of the globe. Some environmental groups that oppose fracking said the industry funding of the \$2.3 million study presented a conflict. But Ralph Cicerone, president of the National Academy of Sciences and an atmospheric scientist who has researched methane, disagreed. Cicerone said the authors represent "some of the very best experts around the country. It doesn't matter who is paying these people. They're going to give you the straight scoop." □



An unmanned Antares rocket sits on the launch pad at Wallops Island, Va. in an undated photo provided by NASA. It's due to lift off Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2013 on a test flight of a new cargo ship, called Cygnus, and will deliver goods to the International Space Station. NASA hired Orbital Sciences Corp., the maker of this rocket and cargo ship, to help keep the space station stockpiled. The other company in this new commercial arena is SpaceX.

Bob Newhart finally gets his Emmy Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Newhart is the proud owner of an Emmy Award that took five decades to come his way.

The 84-year-old actor-comedian shed tears as he accepted the Emmy, his first ever, at Sunday's creative arts Emmy awards in Los Angeles. The ceremony honors technical and other achievements in television. Newhart was honored as best guest actor in a comedy series for his role on "The Big Bang Theory" as science teacher Professor Proton. Newhart's long TV history includes the 1970s "The Bob Newhart Show," "Newhart" in the 1980s and "Bob" in the '90s. His first TV series was a variety show that aired in 1961.

The creative arts Emmys traditionally are held the week before the main



Bob Newhart poses backstage with his award for outstanding guest actor in a comedy series for "The Big Bang Theory" at the Prime-time Creative Arts Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre L.A. Live on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, in Los Angeles.

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Emmy ceremony. Neil Patrick Harris will host next Sunday's ceremony on CBS. □

Emmys to honor Gandolfini, Monteith

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Emmy organizers say Sunday's awards ceremony will include five special memorial tributes, including one to Cory Monteith.

"Glee" star Monteith died in July at age 31 of a heroin and alcohol overdose. He'll be remembered by the show's Jane Lynch.

The TV academy says Edie Falco will honor James Gandolfini, her co-star on "The Sopranos," at this year's ceremony. Gandolfini died of a heart attack in June at age 51.

Other tributes planned: Rob Reiner honoring "All in the Family" star Jean Stapleton; Robin Williams remembering his friend and mentor Jonathan Winters; and Michael J. Fox honoring "Family Ties" producer Gary David Goldberg.

The TV academy says Sunday's Emmy ceremony on CBS also will include the



In this Nov. 26, 2012 file photo, actor James Gandolfini attends a special screening of "Killing Them Softly" hosted by The Cinema Society, Men's Health and DeLeon at the SVA Theater in New York.

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traditional "in memoriam" segment recognizing other industry members who have died. □

Emmy host Neil Patrick Harris is magic ambassador



In this photo taken on Tuesday, Sept 10, 2013, Neil Patrick Harris poses for a portrait at the Magic Castle on in Los Angeles.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Neil Patrick Harris is magical, and not just because he can sing, dance, act and host the Tony and Emmy awards. He's actually magical, like in the abracadabra way, and has been since he was a kid.

Long before he was "Doo-gie Howser, M.D.," Harris loved magic. Every trip to his grandparents' house in Albuquerque meant a visit to the local magic shop, where he used his allowance to add a card or coin trick to his collection, mastering the new illusion on the ride home.

These days, the 40-year-old entertainer injects magic into most everything he does. He levitates an Emmy trophy in advertisements for Sunday's big show, which he's hosting for the second time. His "How I Met Your Mother" character, Barney, dabbles in magic. And Harris often does magic tricks on talk shows.

He also makes countless hours of his free time disappear as leader of the Academy of Magical Arts, which is headquartered at the famed Magic Castle on a hill overlooking Hollywood.

"If magicians and magic

work well, it really amazes people at a core level, and that level stays with them for a long, long time," Harris said in a recent interview, sitting in one of the Magic Castle's many theaters. "You can talk to almost anyone and ask them to recount when they saw a magic trick and they get that giddy expression... I like knowing that the end result is that reaction."

Harris knows the historic, Victorian-style Magic Castle like a favorite trick — the winding corridors and staircases as familiar to him as the "How I Met Your Mother" set. He greets staff members by name, fiddles with temperamental switches himself and feels proud of the place's progress under his leadership. Now in his second term as magic academy president, Harris doesn't just promote the art and appreciation of magic, he basically runs the business of the Magic Castle, attending regular board meetings and handling occasional "angry emails from magic people." It takes some sleight of hand to juggle those responsibilities among the half-dozen other jobs he has, including voicing a Pixar film, directing a play, starring in David Fincher's

adaptation of "Gone Girl," preparing for a starring run on Broadway, wrapping up the final season of "How I Met Your Mother" and oh yes, producing and hosting this year's Emmy ceremony.

"God bless Apple: We have the iCal," Harris said, explaining the computerized calendar that keeps his team, fiancé David Burtka and their nearly 3-year-old twins on top of their schedules.

With the Emmys just a few days away, Harris is harried. He's been hands-on in helping put the ceremony together, said executive producer Ken Ehrlich.

"This is one guy whose title of producer isn't just a vanity title," Ehrlich said, lauding the entertainer's instincts "both to what makes a terrific live television show as well as to what makes a great TV show for people to watch at home."

Harris's production skills are actually award-worthy: He won an Emmy at Sunday night's Creative Arts ceremony as executive producer of last year's Tony Awards.

A host of the main Emmy show, Harris says he won't sing and dance — at least not as an opening or closing number. □

New Miss America's Indian heritage strikes a chord

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ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP) — Nina Davuluri

isn't the first Miss America of color. She's not even the first Asian-American to wear the crown. But her victory has clearly struck a chord in some quarters.

At a news conference held after her name was announced Sunday night, the first question was about a slew of social media users apparently upset that someone of Indian heritage had won. Some tweets called her Arab and a terrorist.

"I have to rise above that," said Davuluri, who competed as Miss New York. "I always viewed myself as first and foremost American."

She said she's delighted that the nearly century-old pageant sees beauty and talent of all kinds.

"I'm so happy this organization has embraced diversity," she said. "I'm thankful there are children watching at home who can finally relate to a new Miss America."

Her pageant platform was "celebrating diversity through cultural competency." Her talent routine was a Bollywood fusion dance.

Davuluri, a 24-year-old



Miss New York Nina Davuluri poses for photographers following her crowning as Miss America 2014, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013, in Atlantic City, N.J.

native of Syracuse, New York, wants to be a doctor and is applying to medical school, with the help of a \$50,000 scholarship she won as part of the pageant title. She's the second consecutive Miss New York to win the Miss America crown, succeeding Mallory Hagan, who was selected in January.

Davuluri's grandmother said she cried when she saw the news on television. "I am very, very happy for

the girl. It was her dream, and it was fulfilled," 89-year-old Vege Koteswaramma said by phone from her home in Vijaywada, in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

There are numerous doctors in the family, in the U.S. and India, she said, and if her granddaughter wants to become one, "I am sure she will do it."

Asked about her granddaughter appearing in a bikini, given the conser-

vative attitudes in India, Koteswaramma said: "I haven't seen any such thing. This must be all part of the competition."

Davuluri is the second Asian-American winner, after Angela Perez-Baraquo, who is of Filipino descent and won in 2001.

She now heads to New York City to prepare for TV talk show appearances and plans to take in Broadway musicals over the next several days.

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On Tuesday, she'll see "Pip-pi." On Wednesday, she'll meet former Miss America and fellow Syracuse native Vanessa Williams and see "The Trip To Bountiful," in which Williams appears.

Williams became the first black Miss America in 1984 but resigned after Penthouse magazine published nude photographs of her.

Monday morning, Davuluri took the traditional ocean frolic dip in the surf in front of Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, where she won the title hours earlier. The pageant, which originated in Atlantic City in 1921, spent the past six years in Las Vegas before returning to New Jersey.

"Welcome home, Miss America!" Davuluri said as she stood barefoot in the shallow surf, wearing a lime green Miss America T-shirt and white shorts. "We're back in Atlantic City!"

Davuluri had planned to go to the scene of a devastating boardwalk fire in Seaside Park and Seaside Heights on Monday afternoon. But pageant officials canceled that visit after learning that Gov. Chris Christie was making cabinet officials available at that time to business owners victimized by the fire and said Davuluri will visit later. □

Billboard names Pink woman of the year

The Associated Press

Billboard has named Pink its woman of the year.

Billboard announced Monday that the pop singer will receive the honor at its annual Women In Music event Dec. 10 in New York City.

Pink's sixth album, "The Truth About Love," has sold 1.7 million albums since it was released last year. It launched three Top 10 hits, including the No. 1 jam "Just Give Me a Reason." Past recipients of Billboard's woman of the year award include Beyonce, Katy Perry and Taylor Swift.

Pink is currently on her international "The Truth About Love Tour." □



This Nov. 18, 2011 file photo shows Alecia Moore aka Pink arriving at the premiere of "Happy Feet Two" at Grauman's Chinese Theater, in Los Angeles.

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6 additions to 'Saturday Night Live' cast named

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC says "Saturday Night Live" has added six featured players to its roster.

Beck Bennett, John Milhiser, Kyle Mooney, Mike O'Brien, Noel Wells and Brooks Wheelan will join the troupe as the comedy show enters its 39th season on Sept. 28.

Meanwhile, "SNL" executive producer Lorne Michaels says longtime "Weekend Update" anchor Seth Meyers will be joined at the "Update"

desk by Cecily Strong. Last season was Strong's first as an "SNL" regular.

Michaels says the plan has Strong initially sharing the "Update" desk with Meyers, then going solo when he begins hosting "Late Night" in February. An alternative option might find Meyers remaining as "Update" co-anchor even after starting his "Late Night" duties.

Michaels' remarks were first reported in The New York Times. □

Hearing You Out



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Columny is often a kind of dodge ball, in which we avoid counter-arguments and bluster past contrary views. So, since I've obviously offended many readers by supporting missile strikes on Syria if it doesn't give up chemical weapons, let me try to confront directly your objections.

Our schools are failing. Head Start is being cut back. Our roads and bridges need repairs. And you want to pour billions of dollars into blowing up Syria? What a misuse of resources!

That was true in Afghanistan and Iraq: For the cost of a single soldier in Afghanistan for a year, we could have built 20 schools. But Syria seems different.

A missile strike on Syrian military targets would result in no supplemental budget, so money would come from the existing military pot. In any case, the cost of 100 missiles would be about \$70 million - far less than the \$1 billion annual rate that we're now spending on humanitarian aid for Syrians displaced by worsening war and by gas attacks.

If a \$70 million strike deters further gas attacks and reduces the ability of President Bashar Assad to bomb civilians, that might actually save us money in humanitarian spending. All this is uncertain, but the bottom line is that the financial cost of a strike isn't a reason to acquiesce in mass murder in Syria.

So you want to reduce Syrian suffering by bombing Syrians? Seriously?

Syrians worry about U.S. missiles going astray, but they prefer that risk to being endlessly bombed and gassed with impunity by the regime. That's why it's Syrians, led by the Syrian government in exile, who are pleading for U.S. airstrikes.

"These people are being bombed every day anyway by their own government," Amal Hanano, a Syrian-American woman who uses that pseudonym for security reasons, told me in a Skype interview. "People want the Syrian air force destroyed."

"This is the complete opposite of Iraq," she added.

I've seen that video of a rebel eating a prisoner's heart. It's not just Syria's rulers who are monsters, but also the opposition.

That seems to be a false equivalency. Sure, some of the rebels are vile, but human rights monitors find far more atrocities committed by government forces.

Likewise, al-Qaida-linked Islamist militias have gained strength because they receive funding and weapons from Gulf countries, while, until recently, we provided no arms to moderate rebels.

"If we see an Assad fighter plane overhead and there's a 50-50 chance we'll hit it, we don't strike," a secular rebel told the independent website Syria Deeply. "We can't afford the ammunition. The Islamist brigades will take a shot at anything. They have more than enough supplies."

We get involved in these messes, and we always regret it. Look at Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam.

Or look at Rwanda: President Bill Clinton says one of his biggest regrets is not getting involved and stopping that genocide in 1994. In that case, Western forces evacuated a dog from the French Embassy, but left behind the Rwandan staff to be slaughtered. That wasn't "restraint." That was passivity and myopia, and it was wrong.

Conversely, in Sierra Leone, Bosnia, Kosovo, Mali, Ivory Coast, there's general agreement that the West was right to intervene militarily to avert mass atrocities. The point is that either side can cherry pick examples of successes or failures, and there are also some that fall in between. But, overall, I'd say that there are more successful humanitarian interventions than failures.

So Assad presides over the killing of 100,000 people, and we sit on our hands. Then the regime releases sarin, and we bomb? Isn't the message to tyrants that when you slaughter your citizens, just don't offend our sensibilities by using gas?

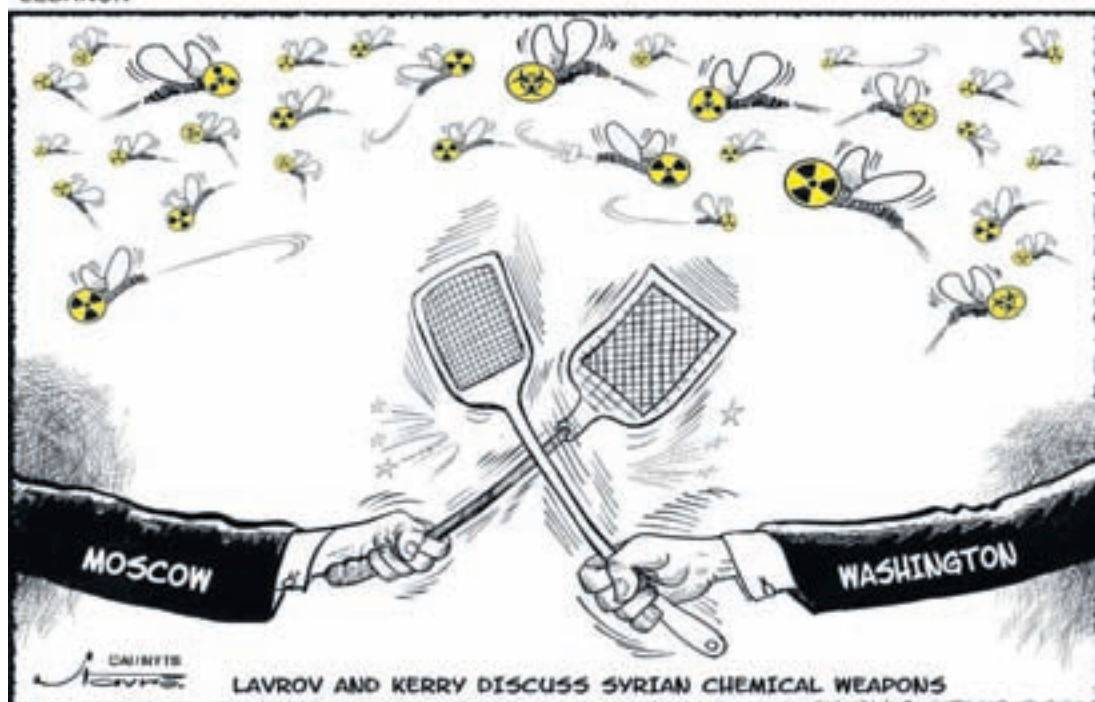
Yes, and that troubles me. We should have stood up to the butchery in Syria earlier - not to mention the killings in Darfur and elsewhere.

That said, chemical weapons are special because they are so indiscriminate, with the Aug. 21 sarin attack perhaps the most lethal evening in the entire Syrian war. And while there is plenty of hypocrisy and inconsistency in the air, it's better to inconsistently confront one cause of suffering than to consistently acquiesce in them all.

Get a life! You're a broken record on Syria, and no one agrees with you.

I'm passionate on this because there's a crucial principle at stake about the need to stand up to genocide or mass atrocities where it is feasible.

I understand that Syria is a hard case, with uncertain consequences. But if we are broadly retreating from the principle of humanitarian intervention to avert mass atrocities because of compassion fatigue in a tumultuous and ungrateful world, then we're landing on the wrong side of history, and some day we will look back in shame. □



My So-Called CIA Life



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WASHINGTON - Carrie Mathison may be banished from the fictional CIA on "Homeland," but she was welcomed with open arms at the real one on Monday. "Our field trip to Langley," Claire Danes said wryly. "It did feel like we were in junior high school." (She should know.)

The actress concedes that life entwining with art was a bit "awkward" in this case, given that both their narratives are under wraps. "There was one long table of CIA folk and then us, directly facing each other like we were ready to rumble," she said, laughing. "They couldn't tell us anything about themselves, really. And we couldn't tell them anything about our show, really. So what kind of conversation could we have?"

It got even stranger when Danes' freshman roommate from Yale, a former operative who is now a lawyer at Langley, joined the group, dressed, as it happened, like Danes' character.

"Pantsuit," Danes deadpans. "You can't go wrong."

Alex Gansa, the co-creator and show runner of "Homeland," called the two-hour meeting at Langley with his stars, writers and executives and a flock of CIA officers "a frank and free exchange about the entertainment business and the intelligence business that revealed a lot of parallels." He added dryly, "We both build sets. We both play roles. And we both brainstorm, about operations on their side and sto-

rylines on ours."

Head Spook John Brennan even ushered his fictional counterpart, Mandy Patinkin, into his office. Patinkin said later that he stared at "the massive leather-bound books" on the conference table, thinking that rather than props, they dealt with "the fate of our world."

Brennan talked about keeping America's relentless extremist enemies at bay. (As Patinkin likes to say, when channeling his Inigo Montoya character from "The Princess Bride": "I have been in the revenge business so long, now that it's over, I don't know what to do with the rest of my life.")

The actor gives a gripping portrayal of Saul Berenson, the show's moral center. (Or, given the themes of duality and duplicity, maybe the mole?) Brennan told the often-distressed father figure to the crazed savant Carrie about his own painful paternal duties meeting with the families of fallen officers.

Why did the gruff Brennan embrace Hollywood? You might think the CIA would be busy with that long-delayed shipment of weapons to the Syrian rebels. But this is not only the most paranoid and insecure agency in town - as bipolar as Danes' mesmerizing Carrie. It might also be the most image conscious.

The Company still shudders at the memory of times when some in Congress have questioned whether the agency should be shuttered or gutted - a fear reflected in the debut of the third season of "Homeland," airing on Sept. 29, depicting Senate hearings after a terrorist car bomb explosion at Langley has wiped out the top echelon of CIA officials and ripped apart Carrie and Brody, our favorite deranged, doomed lovers - Romeo and Juliet crossed with Bonnie and Clyde. ("Hurt people hurt people," as Patinkin likes to say, quoting his wife.)

So the CIA decided to risk any possible opprobrium from New York congressman Peter King, who launched an inquiry, lead-

ing to an inspector general investigation, to see if the agency had overshared confidential information with the makers of "Zero Dark Thirty," Mark Boal and Kathryn Bigelow.

A glamorous premiere and reception at the Corcoran Gallery of Art Monday night hosted by Showtime and its innovative president of entertainment, David Nevins, attracted a gaggle of current agency staffers as well as Michael Hayden, the former CIA director, and Michael Morell, the former acting CIA director. Jose Rodriguez, the ex-head of the CIA's clandestine service who gave the order to destroy the agency's torture videotapes, was there, schmoozing.

"He chills my blood," confided Gansa. He says the show has consultants who are "still active intelligence officers and a lot of retired intelligence officers."

The Emmy-winning Danes revealed that she gets her "plasticine, rubbery face" from her dad. "My dad has no cartilage in his ears," she said. "I love mushing his face around."

While Carrie may be "transgressive" and "deeply flawed," Danes says, "she's a little bit of a superhero" who screws up but "ends up saving the day."

The agency prefers PR about sometimes haywire yet dedicated fictional characters to fumbling real ones. Carrie and Saul - who get a lot more congressional oversight in the new season than the CIA gets in real life - actually boost the agency's brand.

The CIA would rather talk about nefarious programs, like targeted killings, than rehash blunders: missing the breakup of the Soviet Union, and Osama's 9/11 plot; failing to figure out there were no WMD in Iraq and feeling flummoxed over the Arab spring.

Danes mused about their CIA group hug: "Maybe it's this strange idea that your achievements are never going to be celebrated publicly while your failures are going to be exposed. There must be some urge to have their victories on positive display even in a fictional context."

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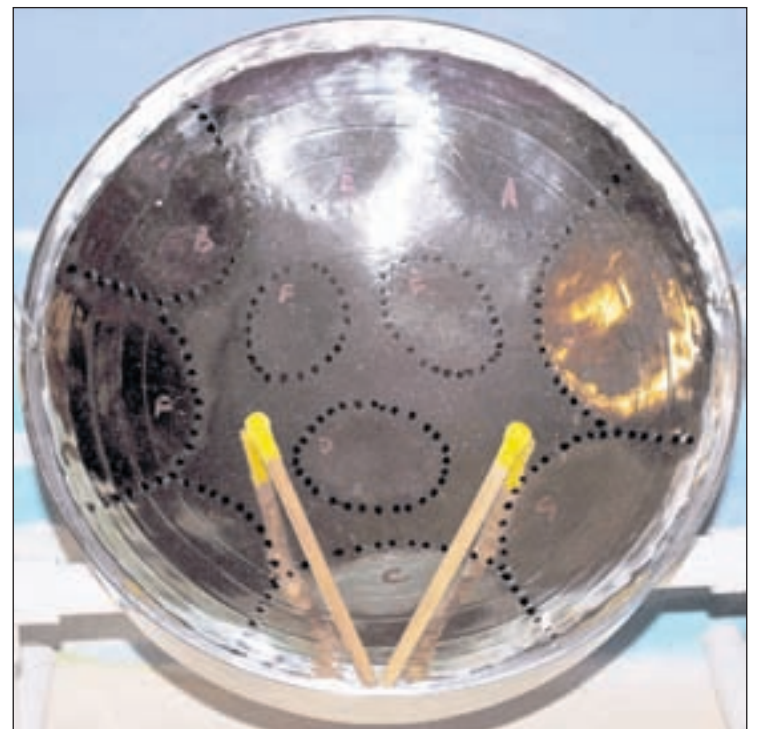
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